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It seems only yesterday that, just after a joyous celebration of Sweet Briar's first century, we found ourselves amid rapid, profound economic and world changes of the new palindrome year. Yet 2002 at Sweet Briar stands out as a positive, historic marker of important tasks accomplished and a harbinger of new and exciting accomplishments to come. As we begin the year 2003, we see a strong Sweet Briar safeguarding the integrity of its character and continuity of its beloved traditions, while poised to master the challenges of changing times.

In the ensuing pages, you will witness the academic vibrancy of today's College faculty; relive with us the dedication of the first new campus building in decades, anchoring a new "quad"; and enjoy a visual record of the campus public announcement of an unprecedented, comprehensive campaign: ***Our Campaign For Her World.***

Sweet Briar alumnae and others of the College family are ensuring the campaign's momentum toward the announced **102 million dollar goal** by having already raised commitments of more than 60 million dollars – a credit to our visionary President, Board of Directors, Campaign Steering Committee, Development Leadership Council, and to all who have demonstrated their generous support. While some of the goal will go toward capital projects including the new Student Commons, a much-needed new Recreation and Athletics Center and a Technology Center in the expanded Mary Helen Cochran Library, it is important to note that we aim first and foremost to strengthen the academic and co-curricular aspects of the Sweet Briar experience. Endowment, scholarships and program support are vitally important, and today's gifts and dedicated support are having an immediate and enormous impact on *her* life at Sweet Briar.

Sweet Briar College has a tradition of educating women leaders. We know that the students in our classrooms today will lead far more complex, full, and multi-faceted lives than did their mothers and grandmothers, and will face increasingly difficult choices while balancing multiple roles. Based on projections of current trends, the majority of our current students will: go on from Sweet Briar to earn advanced or professional degrees; pursue on average, three careers; marry and raise children while continuing to juggle family life with professional and community responsibilities; and participate actively in volunteerism and philanthropy.

Our Campaign For Her World represents a sustained effort by the entire Sweet Briar College community — alumnae, faculty, students, parents, staff, and friends — to ensure that in the context of a strong liberal arts tradition, we are graduating young women well prepared to take their place as leaders in their chosen professions and communities. We take our role in preparing each future leader seriously. Her decisions will shape the world for the next half-century. With everyone's continued commitment in 2003 and beyond, the remarkable Sweet Briar women will continue to lead remarkable lives.

Thank you for your support. Here's to the future!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Swiecki Zingaro".

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director of Alumnae Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko".

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HER WORLD



At the end of Fall Semester 2002, Laura Staman, director of outdoor programs, was busy putting the finishing touches on Sweet Briar's new trail system brochure. The handy pocket guide will help hikers, bikers, and riders navigate three freshly-blazed loop trails and a web of less-traveled "ghost" paths, enjoying the College's historic sites and natural treasures along the way.

Working without a map, 11 students from Director Staman's "Outdoor Adventure Skills" course field tested miles of gravel and dirt passages, making sure that old hands and newcomers alike could find their way using the system's color-coded triangular markers.

In the process of gathering stories for this issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, it quickly became clear that trailblazing efforts at Sweet Briar are not limited to the outdoor program. In every area of campus life—from the classics department to the chaplain's office—the community is involved in exploring, redrawing, and expanding the atlas of "Her World," transforming the face of women's education today.

In the pages ahead, we'll be heading down the "Her World" campaign trail, taking a closer look at people and programs which exemplify the objectives of Teaching and Learning, Students, Place, and In Support of the Whole.

With a goal of \$102 million, *Our Campaign For Her World* is a challenging "loop," a true test of our endurance. But with a generous lead already established by a strong and determined Board of Directors—\$62.5 million in gifts and pledges have already been received—we're more than halfway there.

BOATHOUSE

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SWEET BRIAR HOUSE

Once the plantation home of the College's Founders, this Italianate villa is now the home of the president and her family.

BUTTERFLY RESEARCH GARDEN

The large X-shaped butterfly bush (Buddleia) garden beside the train station is a research area where biology faculty and students monitor butterfly populations from spring through fall. More than 100 monarchs can be seen here during the peak of their migration in late September to early October.

MONUMENT HILL

The scenic resting place of Sweet Briar's Founders, the Williams family.

SWEET BRIAR PLANTATION BURIAL GROUND

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OBSERVATORY

The pastoral location of this campus is conducive to excellent stargazing. This domed structure is situated beside the Upper Lake near the Boathouse.

DAIRY LOOP

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TRAIN STATION

This station, originally located across from the campus, was the main arrival point for many students when train travel was the main form of transportation. Moved to its current location on campus in the 1970s, the station now houses the Environmental Science Center.

HARRIET HOWELL ROGERS RIDING CENTER

One of the most popular destinations of the campus, this Center hosts recreational riding and the College's nationally recognized equestrian team.

flora & fauna

The trails of Sweet Briar hold delight for wildflower lovers, offering many rare species, such as bloodroot, crested dwarf iris, cutleaf toothwort, wild geranium, orchids and native azaleas. The many types of wildlife spotted along the trails include white-tailed deer, turkey, kingfishers, pileated woodpeckers, fox, an occasional river otter and myriad butterflies. The trails render spectacular examples of hardwood forests, featuring ancient oaks, maple, beech and hackberry.

The Way It **Should** Be

Professor Evans-Grubbs applauds the integration of research and teaching at Sweet Briar and urges more in-person scholarly exchanges.

At Stanford University in 1987, as Judith Evans-Grubbs was completing her doctorate in classics, common graduate-school wisdom told her that she would soon be facing a critical career choice.

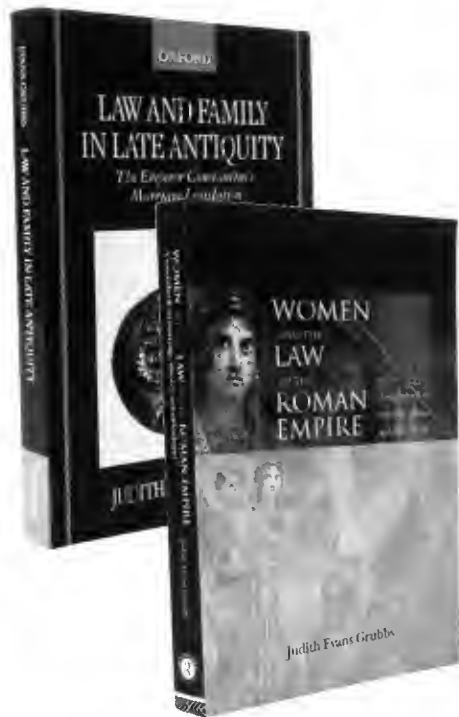
On one hand she could go to a large, research-oriented institution, where a minimal course load and steady stream of teaching assistants would allow her to continue her scholarly pursuits at a competitive pace. Or, she could put teaching first at a smaller, student-oriented institution, where research would be optional and where eventually perhaps she might eke out the time and energy to write and publish something.

Sixteen years and two books later, Sweet Briar's professor of classical studies is slightly annoyed but not surprised that talk of this supposedly inescapable dichotomy still circulates, even among established scholars.

"There is still a sense that you have to choose sides," says Professor Evans-Grubbs. "It would be like telling a Sweet Briar student, 'Well, you can have a career or you can get married'—never suggesting that it might be possible to do both.

"I don't think research and teaching are incompatible. And that's the nice thing about Sweet Briar. Giving faculty the time and support to do both—to use their research and teaching directly in Honors seminars, working with other faculty, and fostering student research—is really the way it should be."

Renewing the Classics. At Stanford,



Professor Evans-Grubbs was encouraged to look at material from new perspectives and explore non-canonical sources. She focused on subjects that, prior to the 1970s women's movement, had been considered less worthy of study: women, families, slavery, and the law in late antiquity.

"Scholars," she explains, "had considered the late Roman Empire to be less interesting. Not as much had been done, especially on the subject of women and families. And the writing that had been done often portrayed women in either a positive or a negative light.

"The positives included examples of good Roman empresses," she says in a sweet, beauty-contestant voice. Then, switching to a deeper, more threatening tone, she continues, "On the negative side, it was: Women were responsible for the decline of Rome! All those wives out having affairs! The soaring divorce rates!"

Returning to her conversational self, she

summarizes, saying, "Ancient sources and satirists had been taken seriously, at face value, without any attempt to deconstruct the whole set of assumptions behind their work. The women's movement changed that, allowing me to break new ground."

The Story Behind the Books. In the beginning, Professor Evans-Grubbs' research informed her classroom teaching. At Sweet Briar, she was able to offer courses that integrated gender issues into the study of classics, something she might not have been able to do as easily in a larger, coed institution. She was also able to complete her first book, *Law and Family in Late Antiquity: The Emperor Constantine's Marriage Legislation* was published by Oxford University Press in 1995.

Then, a reversal took place. The longer Professor Evans-Grubbs taught, the more her classroom experience began to inform her research. The process led to her second book, *Women and the Law in the Roman Empire: A Sourcebook on Marriage, Divorce and Widowhood* (Routledge, 2002), a reference guide for both beginning and advanced scholars that includes Sweet Briar students in its acknowledgments.

"Students ask questions that give you ideas about what you want to teach based on your research and vice versa. I taught an Honors Seminar years ago in which I asked students for suggestions about what they would like to see in a sourcebook. They're the students I thank in my book."

When talking about her own accomplishments, Professor Evans-Grubbs notes that she is not the only one integrating teaching and research. "We have a lot of faculty doing both very well," she says. "And it invigorates the classroom. It's something special about Sweet Briar that I would like to see highlighted more often."

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Judith Evans-Grubbs, professor of classical studies, humbly attributes an uptick in classics majors to SBC's General Education Program. She also points out that classics courses intersect with other disciplines such as archaeology, history, law and society, and women and gender studies.

She earned her B.A. at Emory University and her Ph.D. at Stanford University, and attended the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Now entering her 16th year of teaching at Sweet Briar, Professor Evans-Grubbs calls Central Virginia home and resides with her family in Amherst.

Overcoming Obstacles. Professor Evans-Grubbs admits that, though Sweet Briar has “something special” going on, the situation is by no means perfect. In particular, the College's size presents obstacles for scholars.

While small departments offer great flexibility and allow each member to make a difference, slender staffing increases the expense of taking time off for research, writing, and creative endeavors. Faculty depend on awards, grants, and fellowships not only to support their work, but to replace themselves in the classroom. Even so, she considers the additional time-and-funding pressures to be worth it for reasons that go beyond her own research interests and need for revitalization.

Breaking Stereotypes. “Scholars I've met abroad,” she reports, “have a wonderful impression of Sweet Briar based on personal contacts they've had with faculty, alumnae, and students over the years or through faculty publications. However, I'm still goaded by colleagues in the U.S. who have a stereotypical image of women's colleges in the South. It's an image that hasn't been valid in the time I've been here and I'm not sure it ever was. I'm all for getting members of the community out there in the world, belying that image.”

She also thinks it's important to bring scholars to campus to see for themselves what's really going on. Last spring, for example, her colleague in classics, Eric Casey, joined with faculty in religion and history, inviting speakers to campus for a conference on the subject of secrecy (see *Alumnae Magazine*, Fall 2002, p.18). Professor Casey not only got to interact with a group of scholars he admires, those scholars had the opportunity to meet with SBC students.

“These extra efforts are exhausting!” laughs Judith Evans-Grubbs. “But it's great when you see people's reactions; how impressed they are once they get to experience Sweet Briar firsthand for themselves.”

Alcoholics Ubiquitous

From breakfast to bedtime, early American households were awash in alcohol made by women.

For early American history scholars interested in ordinary women's lives, the archival pickings are pretty slim.

For example, only four diaries from 18th-century Virginia have survived the ravages of time. And, according to duPont Teaching Fellow Sarah H. Meacham, “diary” is a generous term. All were written by wealthy men who were mainly interested in documenting business transactions. It was not an age that indulged in self-exploration.

Rooting around for her dissertation topic, Meacham came across a reference to a woman-run tavern (most likely a brothel) in Colonial Williamsburg that purchased its liquor from a woman on a nearby farm.

“I decided, by all means, I have to check this out,” laughs Meacham. “Why was this woman making and selling alcohol? Was she a widow? Or was she part of a broader women's network? I had to know.”

One of the items Meacham used to launch her research were rare copies of anonymous 17th- and 18th-century cookbooks. What she found inside came as quite a surprise.

“There were hundreds and hundreds of alcohol recipes,” she recalls. “At least the first third of these books is about making wine, cider, and beer. Then, of course, there's all the alcohol included in cooking. It was used for pickling. All sauces contained it. Even pancake recipes called for brandy. And that's just the beginning.”

“In the 18th century, you would have used gin to clean your mirrors and wash your felt hat. Utensils were scrubbed with rum. Babies were bathed in white

rum. White wine and hops cured lethargy or you could add eyebright for a headache. You'd mix alcohol and rhubarb to dye your hair red and use white wine and charcoal to brush your teeth. If you broke a glass, you could use wine mixed with slugs to glue it back together."

The downside was that there was little else to drink. Water in the Chesapeake region of Virginia was bad year-round and dangerously salty in the summer. Shallow wells gave rise to mosquitoes and malaria. Milk was scarce and very expensive. All of these factors made alcohol production a daily, necessary part of women's work.

"Probate records from the period show that the equipment required to make alcohol was located in women's spaces, in the kitchen and the dairy," says Meacham. "That equipment doesn't start to move into the men's barns until later in the 18th century."

"The change happens in part because of the need to supply troops during the Revolution. The newly-created Quartermaster Department gave yearlong contracts to men, cementing their role in alcohol production. A woman with 10 kids on a farm couldn't

exactly keep up with an army."

Sarah H. Meacham, Sweet Briar duPont Teaching Fellow, is on campus working with Assistant Professor of History Katherine Chavigny. During the Fall 2002 semester, they team taught a

course titled "Intoxication & Addiction in American History."

Ms. Meacham is a Ph.D. candidate in early American history at the University of Virginia. Her research explores why alcohol production in the 18th-century Chesapeake region of Virginia switched from being the work of women to the domain of men and examines the commercialization and professionalization of work that women had previously performed at home.

The duPont Program invites doctoral candidates to campus to both diversify the curriculum and provide students with graduate-school role models. Ms. Meacham more than meets these two objectives. In addition to her academic experience, she has run mentoring programs at UVA's Women's Center, has a background in career counseling, and is currently working part-time with the SBC Admissions Office.

The Future of the History Department

The teaching and scholarship of two new faculty members shows SBC's ability to maintain continuity and excellence within departments.

Lynn Laufenberg

Assistant Professor of History
B.A., Northwestern University;
M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University

If some equivalent of *Court TV* had been broadcast in Renaissance Europe, Lynn Laufenberg, Sweet Briar assistant professor of history, would have made a fantastic guest commentator.

As it is, her stories about uncovering evidence of white-slave sex rings and dead-beat dads in 14th-16th century Italy are startling, demonstrating her ability to make legal history relevant and riveting for her students.

Working in state archives and private libraries in Florence, Professor Laufenberg was researching a combination of criminal law, consumer culture, and women, when paternity cases began popping up on a regular basis.

"It was a shocking phenomenon," she says. "Slaves were being called in to testify against their masters. They were mainly women from Eastern Europe and the Far East who were made available as household servants and concubines. The state was trying to locate the fathers of illegitimate offspring to require them to provide child support. Otherwise, the children would have to be raised in orphanages at state expense."

Professor Laufenberg's eclectic career began at Northwestern University, where

she combined ancient Greek and Latin with training in archaeology, including study abroad at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome.

After graduation, she intended to go to law school when fate intervened in the form of a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities. The fellowship, as she describes it, was designed to help lure graduate-school applicants into teaching careers in the humanities. In her case, it worked.

As a graduate student at Cornell University, Professor Laufenberg's abiding interests in law, Italian Renaissance history, and human rights issues propelled her into uncharted areas of research. Her dissertation focused on gender, crime, and criminal law in post-plague Florence.

"Criminal law as a separate branch of law did not emerge until the Middle Ages," she explains. "I became interested in the Black Death and the evolution of criminal law that followed—especially how it affected women."



"I never made my peace with not becoming a lawyer. So I did a fair amount

Lynn Laufenberg, assistant professor of history, is in her third year at Sweet Briar. Her research and teaching interests encompass

gender, the social history of medieval and early modern Europe, British legal history, and the Italian Renaissance.

Professor Laufenberg and Sweet Briar's Hattie Mae Samford Professor of History Michael D. Richards have just finished co-authoring an instructor's guide to teaching western civilization. She is also completing the first in a series of books about gender, crime, and criminal law in early Renaissance Florence.

She has been the recipient of a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities and a Fulbright grant to Florence, Italy.

of my training in the law school at Cornell. I also taught while I was writing my dissertation and developed the introductory course called 'Modern Law and Its Medieval Past' that I'm teaching at Sweet Briar now."

Professor Laufenberg never met her predecessor, Professor Joan Kent. However, she was familiar with Professor Kent's accomplishments as "an extraordinary British legal scholar" and is continuing her legacy in Sweet Briar's law and society program.

She also describes another SBC faculty member, Judith Evans-Grubbs, as one of her "scholarly heroes" for the pioneering work the classics professor has done in Roman family law.

"I actually used her for my dissertation," says Professor Laufenberg. "So for her to be here was just amazing."

In addition to her research experience, Professor Laufenberg arrived at SBC with a wealth of classroom experience, including positions at Wayne State University and West Virginia University. But teaching large numbers of students within narrowly defined departmental parameters made it impossible to integrate her own research interests into courses or mentor undergraduates through their projects.

"Sweet Briar," she says, "is a very vital place to be. It's rare to find a college that emphasizes teaching, while also viewing research as an enhancement instead of a detraction from your primary responsibilities. It's great not having to make a choice, to give up one in order to do the other."

Katherine A. Chavigny

Assistant Professor of History
B.A., Harvard University; A.M., Ph.D.,
University of Chicago

As the history department's American scholar, Professor Kate Chavigny enjoys something of a home team advantage. In contrast to her Africanist and Europeanist colleagues, she has a wealth of historical documents and other research materials within easy reach.

Close proximity to archives, museums, and landmarks—including Sweet Briar's own—makes it possible for her not only to guide students through hands-on

research projects, but also to involve them directly in her scholarly pursuits.

Professor Chavigny's interests center on the definition and treatment of addiction in the 19th century. When she started graduate school at the University of Chicago, she entered the history of science program thinking she would be focusing primarily on the medical profession.

"But after a little bit of coursework," she recalls, "I realized I needed to know a good deal more about the history of religion. As it turned out, the most influential ideas about addiction were not coming out of medicine; they were coming out of church and revival traditions. Self-help groups designed to assist addicts and drunkards were an adaptation of independent missionary work. Just as the revival tradition demanded that the truly saved assist others, alcoholics who became sober were obliged to help somebody else.

"These early self-help groups were not anonymous. Reformed-drunkard evangelists were coming out of the urban missions telling hair-raising stories of degradation. Men would reestablish their manhood by risking their own reputations making confessions and talking about their experiences in public. It was a form of respectable religious entertainment."

The experience of beginning research in one area and ending up in a different, unanticipated place, is something Professor Chavigny tries to emphasize in her mentoring. "I warn students," she says, "that the questions you start out with are not the questions you'll end up with. It's a process that's going to drive you out of your mind. It means making another trip or two or three to the archives gathering evidence; then asking a whole new set of questions based on what you've unearthed."

Since arriving at Sweet Briar in 1999-2000, Professor Chavigny has been able to involve several students in her ongoing research and points to Nikki Gilkison LaRue '01 as a good example.

Nikki, a history major interested in arts management, was planning to attend George Washington University's museum studies program. She had already interned at the National Archives and Records

Administration, where she was given the opportunity to return as a student employee. In between, she gained additional, valuable experience working with Professor Chavigny.

"I took Nikki to an archive in Illinois," she explains, "where we spent two weeks going through the admissions records of middle-class drunkards and narcotics users. We were putting together a database, trying to understand who these people were and how the institution worked from the inside.

"It was totally nitty-gritty work—fun, but not glamorous—and Nikki had a natural aptitude for it. She wasn't overwhelmed."

Even non-history majors are engaged by the questions Professor Chavigny is attempting to answer. Portions of her dissertation are included among the broad mix of materials used in her class "Introduction to History: Intoxication and Addiction in American History."

"It's unusual," she says, "for an academic historian to have a variety of undergraduates and other people wanting to know more about her dissertation topic. But in my case it makes sense. People respond because it resonates with contemporary American confessional culture. We're back in a phase where forms of public confession are acceptable—acceptable enough that people tune into *Oprah*, even if they're not willing to sign up for the *Ricky Lake Show*."



Katherine A. Chavigny, assistant professor of history, specializes in American cultural history, gender history, and the histories of religion and medicine.

She is currently revising her dissertation, *Manly Confessions: Reformed Drunkards and the Origins of Therapeutic Culture in 19th-century America*. Her ongoing research bears on issues in the history of addiction treatment, 19th-century cultures of masculinity, reform traditions, and popular religion.

Professor Chavigny has been the recipient of numerous dissertation and research fellowships.

They Arrived Singing

Sarah K. Lischer brings policy-consulting and fieldwork experience to the Department of Government and International Affairs.

While Sarah Lischer's fellow graduate students at Harvard and M.I.T. were setting their professional sights on positions in the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, United Nations, and any number of think tanks and non-governmental agencies, she held fast to the goal of teaching international affairs on the undergraduate level.

Ideally, she was hoping to strike a balance between working closely with students and continuing her research, criteria which favored joining the Department of Government and International Affairs at Sweet Briar. In addition, the College's emphasis on experiential learning dovetailed with her own background and teaching plans.

Lischer, Sweet Briar's soon-to-be assistant professor, has extensive field experience. After graduating from Georgetown University in 1992, she spent a year teaching teenagers in rural South Africa. She followed that assignment with an administrative position back home, directing an agency that brought refugees from Bosnia to the United States and also arranged sponsorships with churches and

other groups in North Carolina.

During her graduate-school career, she acted as a consultant to the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) on issues of refugee-related violence, research that has taken her to camps in Tanzania and Croatia. (Recent events have put travel to Pakistan on hold.)

She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, where she is completing a book based on her dissertation, *Catalysts of Conflict: How Refugee Crises Lead to the Spread of Civil War*.

Talking about her research interests, Lischer explains that when refugees cross the border into a new country, they sometimes spread the hostilities they're fleeing from. In certain situations, refugee populations can be seen as both a consequence of conflict and a cause of conflict.

For example, Rwandan refugees crossing into Zaire in the mid-1990s included combatants who used the camps as military bases. "In cases like that," she says, "humanitarian relief organizations end up delivering food and shelter to militants as well as to innocent people."

In her book, she contrasts refugee-related violence in Rwanda, Bosnia, and Afghanistan with non-violent examples, searching for ways to avoid future con-

"International affairs today includes studying devastating diseases like AIDS, environmental issues, civil wars, and refugee crises—factors which contribute to the breakdown of whole societies—as well as humanitarian interventions."

flicts. "It's not only a big project," she laughs, "things keep changing while I'm writing."

Lischer is used to having the ground shift under her feet. "When I was an undergraduate," she says, "the Soviet Union was falling apart and the curriculum seemed to change every day. But since then, we've gained a new understanding of warfare, our security environment, and the nature of threats."

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Lischer's policy recommendations are informed by her fieldwork. She has joined relief workers in Tanzania—a country that made Croatia seem luxurious—driving down muddy roads and hacking her way through underbrush to meet truckloads of Congolese refugees. The camp supplied plastic sheeting, grain, and cooking pots.

"They arrived singing," says Lischer. "It was amazing."



Sarah K. Lischer will join the campus community next fall as an assistant professor in government and international affairs.

She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, where she is completing a book based on her dissertation, *Catalysts of Conflict: How Refugee Crises Lead to the Spread of Civil War*.

She holds a B.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University; a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; and a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lischer has been awarded fellowships by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the Institute for the Study of World Politics, and the Academic Council for the United Nations System. Her research has also been supported by the National Science Foundation, The MacArthur Foundation, and the Mellon Foundation.

Measuring A Major's Success

International affairs graduates continue placing "huge feathers in their caps."

Though it's based in the Department of Government and often confused with international studies and study abroad programs, Sweet Briar's international affairs major still manages to stand out, distinguished to a large extent by the achievements of students and alumnae.

Recently, within six months of each other, Marian Spivey '01 and Sherry Forbes '02 passed the rigorous written and oral U.S. Foreign Service examinations administered by the Department of State.

Several years ago, when devising the assessment for the major, Professor Jeffrey Key decided to include the U.S. Foreign Service Examination as a benchmark.

"I thought," says Professor Key, "that one of our measures for success should be having a student pass the written portion of the exam once every five years. Both internally and externally, people suggested that it might be an unrealistic goal for such a small college with only a handful of majors. But we keep passing the test."

Every year, around 25,000 candidates take the written exam, testing their knowledge of international affairs, history, economics, and world geography. The written exam includes both multiple-choice and essay questions and gauges candidates' mastery of such subjects as psychology, American culture, management and finance. Around 10 percent of candidates continue on to the oral exam.

According to Professor Key, the role-playing exercises Marian and Sherry engaged in during the Mid-Atlantic Model European Union Simulation helped prepare them for the second, oral portion of the exam. Marian was elected vice president of the Plenary Session of the European Parliament in 2000 and Sherry was voted outstanding member of the European Council in 2001.



Sherry Forbes '02



Marian Spivey '01

"Having two students pass the exam back-to-back is phenomenal," says Professor Key. "It's a testimony to how incredibly bright, capable, and motivated they are. And, to be honest, I think their *other* achievements—the graduate schools they're attending and the scholarships they've received—really surpass this one test. Both already have huge feathers in their caps."

Marian, a Sweet Briar Presidential Medallist, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Sweet Briar in international affairs with minors in Spanish and French. She is currently a second-year student in Georgetown University's highly competitive Master of Science in Foreign Service program. She has also been working on Israeli-Palestinian issues, the Cuban embargo, and the U.N. Security Council vote on Iraq as part of an internship in the Bureau of International Organizations, United Nations Political Affairs at the Department of State.

During the summer of 2002, she completed a three-month internship at the American Embassy in Asunción, Paraguay, on a grant from the Una Chapman Cox Foundation.

Sherry graduated from SBC with honors in economics and international affairs. She is currently studying for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Oxford University in England under the auspices of the \$50,000 per year Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, funded for up to six years. She was one of only 50 scholars selected from among 675 applicants from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia in spring 2002.

She plans to write her doctoral thesis on the impact of organized crime in eastern Europe and the former Soviet states, continuing her exploration of the topic she selected for her senior thesis in international affairs at Sweet Briar.

Connecting with the Sweet Spirits

Ethel Ogden Burwell Chaplain's Associates hit the ground running with innovative, student-to-student projects.

Nominated by their peers and supported by the Chaplain's Office, Briana Beckham '04 and Sarah Canovaca '03 recently took on the task of identifying unmet or emerging student needs and developing new programs in response.

The project was part of their job description as Ethel Ogden Burwell Chaplain's Associates, a pair of paid internships offering exceptional students a chance to explore their career interests in ministry, human services, or the helping professions.

In keeping with other student activities like the Sweet Tones and Sweet PEAs, the Chaplain's Associates have been dubbed the Sweet Spirits.

The initiatives launched by the Sweet Spirits this fall were so essential, it's hard to believe such programs did not already exist. "Which is why you need to have students working with students," says Chaplain Guy Brewer. "Initiatives that really work typically spring from the consciousness of people closest to the situation."

Newbies. For her part, Briana created a group for first-year, transfer, and international students called Newbies (a slang term for newcomers). In a moment of Seinfeldesque clarity, she determined that what the members of Newbies needed most was the choice to participate (or not) in an organization about nothing. Newbies would be a club without a cause.

According to Briana, it's easy for freshman and even sophomores to become over-involved in campus clubs and organizations before they know how to manage their time well. "For me," she

says, "it got to the point where this drape would descend over me at the thought of attending another meeting. But I would go anyway and walk out with even more responsibilities. I didn't want that for the Newbies. I wanted to create a relaxed environment in which students could just come and go."

During the fall semester, the size of Newbies varied anywhere from four to 20 students. Weekly activities included playing cards and other games, road trips to Sonic (a nearby franchise featuring 50s carhops), arts and crafts, and baking cookies.

Chaplain Brewer is impressed with the group's ability to cure seemingly intractable cases of homesickness and foster friendships among regular attendees and last-minute walk-ins. "It's been so very helpful for me," he says, "to be able to advise students to try Newbies, then meet with them a week later and see that they're doing fine."

Campus Spirituality Coalition.

While Briana homed in on connecting with newcomers, Sarah set out to reinforce the sense of community among all students. She is chairing the newly formed Campus Spirituality Coalition (C.S.C.), an organization devoted to promoting respect, mutual understanding, and harmony across religious lines.

One of the C.S.C.'s first projects was to convert a storage room off the Chapel foyer into a 24-hour prayer space. Named using the Greek word for stillness or silence, the Hesychia Interfaith Prayer Room was dedicated in November 2002 on the first day of Ramadan.

Members of the C.S.C. include students, faculty, and staff. The group is interested in working with individuals and

other campus organizations on service projects ranging from Habitat for Humanity houses to Angel Trees. "Sarah even talked the Q.V.'s into co-sponsoring chapel decorating this year," says Chaplain Brewer. "I think it's a major coup, getting students to actually volunteer to listen to Bing Crosby sing while they decorate the Christmas tree with me."

Right now, the C.S.C. is writing and distributing monthly religious-holiday fact sheets and plans are in the works to launch a speaker series. Sarah's goal is to increase the visibility of the Chaplain's Office and reinvigorate spiritual life on campus.

"In my experience," she says, "seeing the word 'chapel' in front of an event scares some students away. I'm trying to let students know that you don't have to be religious to acknowledge that there is a spiritual part of every person that needs to be nurtured. It's not about religion. It's about realizing that developing your inner self is an important part of college life."

Behind The Scenes. The Sweet Spirits participate in each other's initiatives, discuss their progress in weekly meetings with the chaplain, and take on some of the administrative responsibilities associated with the office.

By serving as a campus job and also by eliminating the need for students to travel off campus to gain career experience, the paid internships give the Sweet Spirits more time to spend testing their interests and talents.

"The thrust of the internship," says Ethel Ogden Burwell '58, "isn't just about service to others. It's also a mentoring situation, designed to make sure that interns gain knowledge and grow personally in



SARAH CANOVACA '03



BRIANA BECKHAM '04

the process. This is all about exploring possibilities, an exploration that could lead to the discovery that this particular career path is not for you."

The idea for Ethel Ogden Burwell Chaplain's Associates came from Ethel's husband Armistead, who wanted to make a special campaign gift honoring her interests in theology and volunteerism. "He had talked with the chaplain and Louise Zingaro in the Alumnae Office before I knew anything about it," says Ethel.

She would like to see the on-campus internship idea expand both within the Chaplain's Office and into other areas. "I was a religion major," she says, "but I'm sure the chemistry department has students that would benefit from a similar gift."

"Obviously, this is something over and above the Annual Fund—I wouldn't want to divert attention away from that. But Briana and Sarah are doing such a wonderful job, it would be great to be able to involve more students in these types of experiences."

Up the Creek with a Paddle

Juliet Jacobsen Kastorff '84, co-owner of Endless River Adventures, teaches students about kayaking and more.

Juliet Jacobsen Kastorff '84 is one of only a few female whitewater kayaking instructors working in the outdoor-adventure industry today.

Her western North Carolina company, Endless River Adventures, outfits and teaches kayakers, rafters, and fly-fishing enthusiasts, and leads them on excursions down the nearby Nantahala River or through the distant whitewaters of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, and Chile.

Working together with her husband Ken, Juliet created her business from scratch, an effort that included building a facility, a program, and a customer base all at the same time.

While most alumnae draw on different aspects of their college experience over the course of their personal and professional lives, Juliet appears to have put every scrap of her education to work right out of the chute. Her double major in English and

economics, along with a certificate in business and four years of Spanish, provided the range of skills she needed to carve out a niche in a very competitive marketplace.

"Having the business background gave me a head start," she says. "But the English major is what really gave me an edge. In business, there is such power in written language—from writing business letters to creating marketing materials. And in today's international setting, knowing a foreign language is imperative."

Technique vs. Muscle. Of all the hurdles Juliet has faced in the last 15 years, gender bias has been the most personally challenging. When she started kayaking, she says, "Women were typically the 'shuttle bunnies,' picking up the guys at the end of the day. And the women who paddled had to participate on men's terms."

"But once women looked beyond the macho image of kayaking and figured out that the sport was all about technique, not muscle, they began participating in greater numbers."

Juliet credits Sweet Briar for both her "lack of intimidation stepping into a non-traditional career" and her ability to juggle multiple roles. "No one ever told me I could not double major, or join the swim

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team, or be the sports editor, or social chairman," she says. "I was always encouraged to do more. And there was never the assumption that, because I was female, I was not qualified for the job. We were empowered to believe that we could and should take advantage of every opportunity to become a better person."

Juliet has returned to the College several times to talk business and teach kayaking as an alumna-in-residence. Then, last September, she took SWEBOP staff and

students kayaking on the Tuckaseegee and Nantahala Rivers for a four-day weekend of leadership training, paddling exercises, and fun. (Jane O'Brien '96, an advanced recreational paddler, was also able to hop on for a day.)

The excursion was a practice run for many SWEBOP outings to come. With Juliet and Ken's help, the College has been able to acquire a small fleet of cutting edge, female-sized WaveSport kayaks, along with helmets and other essential gear.

"Juliet is an elegant instructor," says Laura Staman, director of outdoor programs. "She not only teaches students, she teaches them how to teach other students. And many of the skills they learn from her are applicable to other outdoor-leadership activities as well."

Preparation for Life. The challenges of kayaking—learning to read the waters up ahead, responding quickly to correct miscalculations, overcoming fears and physical discomforts, and looking out for fellow paddlers along the way—impart valuable life lessons. But tackling the sport also offers less abstract advantages for students heading into a competitive job market.

"If you come into a job interview with a

resume that includes participation in a sport like kayaking or rock climbing," says Juliet, "a man is going to sit up and look at you in a different light because you are accomplished at something he can relate to and respects. I think it gives you an edge."

She also emphasizes the social side of kayaking, especially for juniors and seniors who are about to lose the ready-made contacts that exist within the campus community. Talking frankly about the problem, Juliet says, "Getting involved in an individual sport that gets you out and meeting like-minded people is much better than hanging out at bars."

The River Meets The Road. As a recent graduate and recreational paddler, Sarah Machinist '01 can attest to Juliet's insights. She has moved twice since graduation, joining paddling clubs in Pittsburgh and more recently in Raleigh, where she is working for the Opera Company of North Carolina. The experience has made her confident that she can easily find friends wherever she goes.

"People who see extreme kayaking on television," says Sarah, "think it's a hare-brained, crazy thing to do. But I've met seven- and seventy-year-old paddlers out on the river. That's the great thing about adventure-based sports. It really doesn't matter when you start. And advanced paddlers always welcome newcomers."

After graduation, looking to improve her technique and unable to find a comparable teacher, Sarah drove the extra miles to take a few additional lessons with Juliet.

"At the time," says Sarah, "everyone was telling me not to do it, that kayaking was too dangerous. So one day when I was out on the river with Juliet, we talked about the risks of kayaking compared with the hazards of driving—how in both situations a lot depends on practice, experience, and how you conduct yourself."

On Sarah's drive home from that lesson, two bikes flew off a rack on the car in front of her, bounced, and hit her car. Fortunately, she was able to signal and swerve slightly into the right-hand lane, a move that prevented the bikes from smashing her windshield.

"It turned out that the guy who owned the bikes was a kayaker too," recalls Sarah, "so we had a lot to talk about while we waited for the police to arrive."

Back to School

Alumna-In-Residence Melissa Fauber Carter '00 talks shop with aspiring teachers.

Alumna-In-Residence Melissa Fauber Carter '00 was the featured panelist at a meeting at the Wailes Center last semester hosted by Professor Kay Brimjoin and the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA).

Twenty-six Sweet Briar students currently belong to the SVEA—the largest number ever—and nearly all turned out to hear Melissa and two student teachers swap stories and discuss solutions to common classroom challenges.

Even though Melissa teaches second grade at Pleasant View Elementary, just a few miles from the College in Amherst County, this was her first visit back to campus in two and a half years. She's been busy since graduation and barely had time to attend that.

At the end of her senior year, immediately upon finishing her SBC Spring Term classes and before Commencement, Melissa started a master's in education program at the University of Virginia. The following fall she began teaching full-time, while continuing her commute to Charlottesville.

Her master's program took two years to complete. But Melissa knew what she wanted to do and was determined to get through.

"At Sweet Briar," says Melissa, "the first education course, 'Foundations of American Education,' requires you to spend time making observations in a classroom setting. After that, very early on in the major, you have to start actively participating in the field. The experience not only prepares you for student teaching, you get to find out long before your senior year whether or not teaching is for you. I knew what I was getting into. But going straight through—teaching and getting a master's at the same time—was hard."

Melissa began this school year teaching



Nicole Reintsma '03

SBC Moves Another Step Closer to MASTER'S DEGREES

Dean Stahl says programs could be available as early as summer 2004.

In February 2003, the College moved another step closer to offering its first graduate degrees.

The Board of Directors—following a unanimous thumbs-up from the faculty in December—granted final approval to two new master's programs: a master of education degree and a master of arts in teaching degree.

According to Stephen Stahl, dean of the College, the master of education program is designed for certified teachers seeking a master's degree for professional advancement and eligibility for supplemental pay increases from their school districts.

"We've heard many expressions of interest from local teachers interested in enrolling in 2004," he says. Courses would be offered in the late afternoon-early evenings to accommodate their teaching schedules, using existing faculty and facilities.

The master of arts in teaching degree or M.A.T., a five-year program, would allow Sweet Briar students seeking certification to complete current Virginia requirements, including student teaching, while simultaneously earning a master's degree—improving opportunities and salaries upon graduation. Virginia certification is valid in most other states.

Students studying for careers as elementary school teachers (grades preK-6) would graduate with a liberal studies major plus elementary certification. The bachelor of arts in liberal studies would be limited to this group of future teach-

ers. Candidates for secondary school certification (grades 6-12) would still need to major in an academic discipline such as English, math, or biology, since state law does not allow for a major in education.

"We anticipate that both current and prospective students, as well as their parents, will be enthusiastic for the M.A.T. program for the professional opportunities it will offer," says Professor Jim Alouf, education program director.

"Virginia and the nation as a whole are experiencing enrollment growth, underscoring the need for well-prepared teachers."

He notes that current Virginia mandates make it difficult, if not impossible, for Sweet Briar students to meet content requirements while earning an additional 18 hours in professional studies in four years of undergraduate study.

"A five-year program," says Professor Alouf, "represents an excellent educational value, in that it will allow students to achieve not only certification, but a master's degree, in five years rather than the traditional six."

Some courses in the new programs will be offered concurrently to both current and prospective teachers, an added advantage for traditional-aged students enrolled in the five-year M.A.T. program. "The synergy from exposing future teachers to those now in the profession with significant classroom experience will be very beneficial to current SBC students," he concludes.

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24 second-graders and gained two more after winter break. She never sits down. And she finds herself almost resenting her desk because it takes up too much space in her classroom.

As a math major and music minor, she graduated from Sweet Briar licensed to teach K-12. Given the need for qualified math teachers, she knows that she could make the switch in good conscience, but she won't budge.

"I still remember what it was like growing up," says Melissa, "and all the support I had from my parents and teachers. Teaching elementary school takes a lot of energy. As long as I can keep up with my students, I think I can make an important difference here."

In her current class, Melissa juggles several reading groups with abilities ranging from pre-primer to fourth grade. Keeping all of her students busy—while simultaneously focusing on a few—takes practice, patience, and a tremendous amount of pre-planning. "You also have to learn to distinguish between good and bad noise," she laughs.

Despite her field experience, student teaching, master's degree, and two years in the classroom, Melissa frequently finds herself turning to her fellow teachers for advice. And she was happy to return to campus to give Sweet Briar students a similar opportunity.

"You have to be open-minded," she says. "Listen to your colleagues. You may walk in knowing all the latest and best methods. But after a while you'll find out that some of the old tried-and-true ways of teaching work well too. I'm still learning and will be for a long time."



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SBC Blazes New Trails

— Literally



A gift from Ann Ritchey Baruch '62 promotes learning and fun on the land.

As part of Sweet Briar College's commitment to the land and the environment, three new walking trails have been developed for educational and recreational purposes.

The new trails—30-, 60- and 90-minute loops offering views of Sweet Briar's lakes, streams, scenic views, and historic points of interest—were identified in a "Trails Master Plan" by the Whitesell Group in Roanoke, Virginia, with input from the Sweet Briar community.

The plan was developed based on requests from Laura Staman, director of the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWE-BOP) and President Muhlenfeld for more clearly- marked trails for use by students, faculty, staff, and guests of the College.

With funding through a gift from Ann Ritchey Baruch '62, the project is intended to promote the educational and recreational use of the land, one important focus of the College's strategic plan.

"These trails have been developed as one important way for everyone to enjoy up close the beauty of Sweet Briar," says President Muhlenfeld. "Our extensive trail system has always existed, but we needed to make it easier for everybody to take advantage of our fabulous campus for study breaks, exercise, or a chance to enjoy nature. Three loops have been identified, enhanced, and clearly marked for the amateur, as well as the experienced hiker."

In addition to highlighting familiar landmarks like Monument Hill, the trail system features some exciting new additions to the landscape. For example, a one-mile trek originating at the Train Station continues past the new Observatory and then detours over to the recently-reclaimed Sweet Briar Plantation Burial Ground.

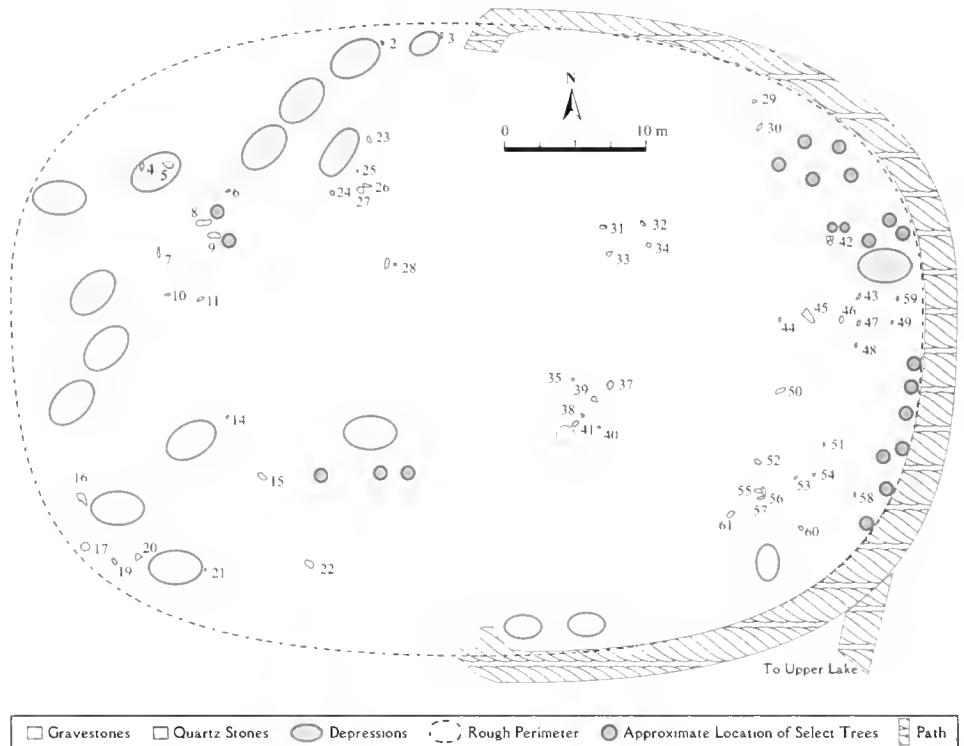
Natural features of the campus are

show-cased as well.

Among Laura Staman's favorites, "The William's Creek Trail is beautiful," she says. "It's the first place where the leaves fall, the first place where the snow melts, and the first place where the wild-flowers appear." She is happy to report that the trails were developed using an "extremely light touch, making as little impact as possible."

Trail system brochures are available at the SWEBOP Office located in the Student Commons.

Making Invisible People Visible



Paul Cronin's last day inspires the first steps toward commemorating the life, labor, and death of African Americans on the former plantation.

Type the words "Sweet Briar plantation slave cemeteries" into almost any search engine and you'll find a link to the College's African American Heritage website, a virtual brochure detailing both the location of the plantation's largest burial ground and the unusual arrangement of its unscripted gravestones.

Thirty-six years ago, when Director of the Riding Program Emeritus Paul Cronin arrived on campus, there was no such thing as the Internet. Instead, people relied on its predecessor, the barbershop, for breaking news, local history, and arcane information.

That's how Director Cronin found out about the graveyards. In the middle of a haircut his barber jokingly let on that the faculty, students, grounds crews, cows, and horses roving about the campus might just be treading on the dead.

Surprised and shaken, he went back to the Riding Center and quizzed two of the African Americans on his staff. It was true.

"And one of the men," he remembers, "told me that one of the largest burial places was located above the small lake. I went up there again and again. Then one day in the wintertime, I looked down and suddenly I saw this row of stones. They were rocks—rocks like you might trip over. And then I saw another row."

During his tenure, Director Cronin made several attempts to draw attention to the cemeteries without much success. The necessary combination of historical information, faculty expertise, administrative support, and extra manpower just wasn't there. "It was lucky though," he says, "that at least the main site over by the lake was overgrown and full of briars. You couldn't get into it. I would never go there in the summertime; it was full of snakes. And it was also protected as part of Buck Edward's nature preserve, but even he didn't know anything about it."

Finally, on the eve of his retirement, with a nod from President Muhlenfeld, Director Cronin made one last trip to the burial grounds. This time he took along two bright, energetic women: Valdrie Walker, dean of co-curricular life and Donna Meeks, grounds superintendent and horticulturist.

"Paul called me the last day he was on campus," says Dean Walker. "I was home

on vacation. But I came over and got in the truck with Donna Meeks. We hacked through stuff that was 20-30 feet over our heads with vines wrapping around our legs. We got Lord knows how many ticks on us. Then we drove to another site out toward the dairy.

"He was leaving at 5 o'clock that evening. And he said to me, 'I'm leaving it with you. If anyone can do something, maybe you can.' I had a gazillion things to do, zero dollars for this, and no one I could



think of offhand to help. Talk about hanging something out there with nothing to hang it on!”

But, in fact, this time Director Cronin’s timing was perfect. Dean Walker soon discovered that she had all she needed to start. By 2001, the College’s Learning-on-the-Land initiative was well under way not only in the environmental sciences, but in the humanities, fine arts, and social sciences as well. Lynn Rainville, an assistant professor of anthropology with an interest in mortuary traditions and “deathscapes,” had just arrived on campus and was eager to start a campus-based project. Stephen Stahl, dean of the College, introduced her to Dean Walker and the two women began exchanging information and searching for grants.

Superintendent Meeks, facing the same staff and budget constraints as Dean Walker, decided that clearing the main cemetery would have to be a downtime project. As things turned out, the winter of 2001-2002 was unusually mild. Hours that would have been spent clearing snow and ice were devoted to the cemetery instead.

The grounds crew knew the boundaries of the site, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Cliff Ambers, a geologist and husband of Professor Rebecca Ambers in environmental studies. Using a combination of old aerial photos and global-positioning technology, he determined the exact location and shape of what had once been a lovely resting place surrounded by trees on a knoll overlooking the lake.

“Everyone got excited, pitched in, and did what they could,” says Superintendent Meeks. “We took out over 16 truckloads of debris—grapevines as thick as your forearm—in several stages, working by hand, being careful not to disturb the stones or depressions. The markers were not in the normal, straight-row patterns you’d expect to see in a cemetery. Lynn Rainville explained that we were looking at family clusters.”

Professor Lynn Rainville, whose primary research takes place in the Middle East, is delighted to be teaching anthropology directly on an archaeological site. Talking about Sweet Briar’s unique holdings, she notes that “Parts of the University of Virginia date back to the 18th and 19th centuries. But because it’s an urban center,

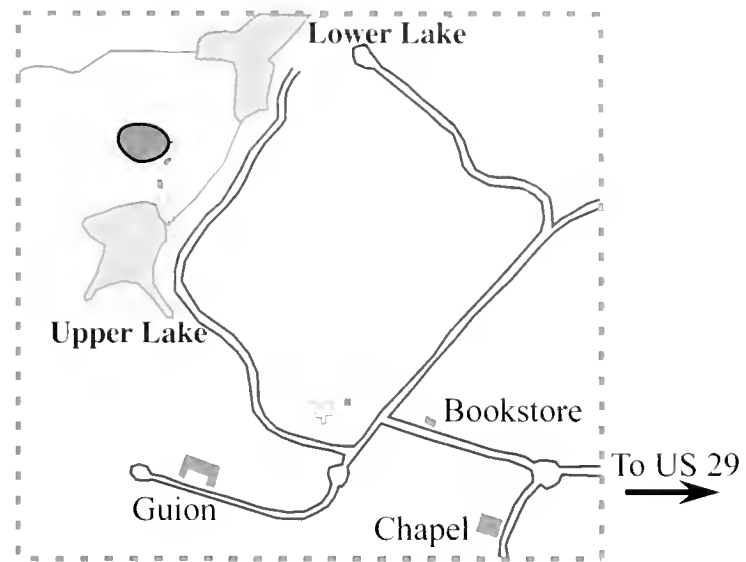
most of the sites are under parking lots and buildings. The sites are there, but you can’t examine them. At Sweet Briar they’re all preserved. Hundreds and hundreds of acres.”

Professor Rainville came to the College expecting to involve students in projects on the land. The big surprise was interacting with faculty outside of her discipline. In addition to working with Valdrie Walker and Donna Meeks on the plantation burial grounds, Professor Rainville has been collaborating with the science, history, and classics departments on the project—something she has never been able to do so easily and seamlessly before.

“It’s a testament to Sweet Briar,” she says, “that the minute Rebecca Ambers in environmental sciences discovers something new related to land use, she tells me. Then I can incorporate her research into my models, along with evidence that Kate Chavigny and Judith Evans-Grubbs are accumulating on the archival side, deciphering and transcribing Elijah Fletcher’s letters and plantation records. All of us putting our heads together gives each of us a better perspective on the physical and cultural landscape. It’s a treat.”

Last October, Professors Rainville and Chavigny spoke at the opening of “A Glimpse into the Life, Labor, and Mortuary Rituals of Enslaved African Americans on the Sweet Briar Plantation,” an exhibit featuring artifacts excavated from antebellum slave cabins, a brief history of the enslaved African Americans who lived, worked, and died on the Sweet Briar plantation, and information about the ongoing archaeological survey designed to locate additional slave sites on campus.

The exhibit was made possible in part by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, which is providing funds for lectures, student research, printed brochures, maps, and web-based materials



related to the interdisciplinary project. The College is also using its plantation legacy—the slave cabin, burial grounds, archaeological artifacts, and other features as they’re uncovered—to provide African American history tours for schoolchildren from the surrounding counties.

“Paul felt a moral responsibility to do something,” says Dean Walker. “And after the site was cleared, and we printed the brochures and made the burial ground part of the trail system and part of Black History Month, I thought, ‘Well, Paul, the hard part is over. We did it. It’s official. We’ve made these invisible people visible.’ I think that’s what he wanted. And it’s a powerful thing.”

A commemoration ceremony for the individuals interred at the Sweet Briar plantation burial ground is scheduled for April 24, 2003, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The site contains more than 60 stones and at least 19 depressions.

Ongoing efforts to restore the cemetery and the dignity of the people buried there include scouring Elijah Fletcher’s ledgers, correspondence, and legal papers for names. In his 1852 will, Fletcher listed 67 slaves whom he divided among his four children. The individuals on the list have no last names and the fieldstones in the cemetery have no inscriptions.

The Sky's the Limit



The observatory (and ducks) viewed from the dam of the upper lake

Astronomy at SBC runs the gamut from simple stargazing to the edges of discovery.

Last October the Department of Physics invited the community to attend its grand-opening "Star Party," a public-viewing night inaugurating the new Sweet Briar College Observatory. It was the first of several open houses scheduled throughout the year.

Grant Denn, an SBC research and teaching fellow engaged in high-resolution radio astronomy, has experience hosting public-observation sessions. Working together with Professor Scott Hyman, the two astronomers are trying to gauge community

interest and maintain a calendar of events. A page about the observatory is available at the physics department's website: www.physics.sbc.edu.

Between "Star Parties," the new observatory serves as the observing lab for astronomy courses. The dome houses a ten-inch Meade reflecting telescope. The telescope was a gift from Dr. Michael Cooper, an amateur astronomer from Lynchburg, Virginia. The department also has a Meade 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain on an equatorial mount and several smaller telescopes and binoculars available to observers.

The new observatory helps to round out



Sweet Briar's program, which already

offers exceptional faculty expertise and student opportunities in the area of radio astronomy.

Professor Denn uses high resolution radio astronomy to study the magnetic fields in the jets emanating from active galactic nuclei, which are the central regions of distant galaxies. Professor Hyman's research hits closer to home, focusing on the galactic center of our own Milky Way. Both professors receive and

interpret raw data transmitted to the College from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, an array of 27 dish antennas spread across the desert in New Mexico.

Right now, SBC student astronomer Jenny Neureuther '03 is painstakingly analyzing archival images and current data, searching for transient sources of natural radio emissions, specifically objects that produce strong bursts of emissions before they decay. "These are cataclysmic or explosive events," says Professor Hyman. "like black holes and neutron stars that suck matter in from nearby stars, then reach a limit and blow off hot material."

"Researchers have seen x-ray blasts. But now we have the technology to search for corresponding radio bursts. We're building a database so we can detect these guys. And Jenny has found a few. Some peak and die. Some have a longer falloff. We don't know what they are. This is all discovery; it's right at the edge."

Jenny and Professor Hyman's research is part of a collaborative effort (consisting of SBC, the Naval Research Laboratory, Cornell University, Kennesaw State University, and the University of New Mexico) to conduct a wide-field transient radio source-monitoring program of the galactic center.

This first-ever monitoring program could yield clues that impact our understanding of processes involved in the evolution of the universe. Ten Sweet Briar students have assisted in this research during recent summers and academic years, resulting in yearly publications and presentations at scientific conferences.

Where Nature and Nurture Meet

SBC's Nature Center will be a multipurpose and multi-people facility, encouraging environmental education.

The College's old brick water plant across from the Boat House is about to be repurposed. The renovated building will serve as a Nature Center, housing a visitor's room with maps and exhibits, an environmental laboratory, and, if possible, eco-friendly rest rooms with solar-heated water.

The water plant, designed in the early 1900s, purified drinking water for the campus until the 1990s. The facility complements the Department of Environmental Studies' existing assemblage of labs, classrooms, and office space. The department has already "recycled" the Sweet Briar Train Station along with the 1948 Norfolk & Western caboose parked nearby.

David Orvas, associate professor of environmental science, hopes the Nature Center will become a multi-people facility, a place where visiting families and school groups can assemble to learn more about the College's natural history and historic sites. He would also like to see area teachers and SBC student teachers using the laboratory to engage their classes in basic, hands-on experiments.

"The renovation will help with our own space issues," says Professor Orvas. "The lab will hold 12-14 students, giving the department a larger space for introductory classes. But this is not our building; it's the community's building. And I think it will be an attraction, encouraging environmental education and introducing people to the lakes, walking trails, and other natural features of the campus."



The Land Tells Its Side of the Story

Professor Ambers explores the pre-College history of Monument Hill.

For geologist Rebecca Ambers, oak logs and deep gullies have intriguing stories to tell about Sweet Briar's past.

The assistant professor of environmental studies is currently working on several research projects focusing on plantation land-use practices, helping scholars in her own and other disciplines piece together a pre-College history of the campus.

One of her projects involves Monument Hill, a site known in the early 1800s as Woodruff's Mound.

While walking in the woods around the base of Monument Hill last winter, Professor Ambers noticed a big log partially exposed between the banks of a dry stream bed.

"To a geologist," she explains, "that immediately says something important. It says that the log is potentially quite old because the ends of it are covered in eight or nine feet of material."

Digging around the area with her geologist husband Cliff, Professor Ambers uncovered several additional logs and split rails that clearly had been shaped by human hands and left in a tangle at the bottom of a gully.

The couple took core samples and delivered them to Daniel L. Druckenbrod, a dendrochronologist (tree ring specialist) and former SBC instructor, who is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Virginia. Druckenbrod agreed to take on the enormous task of comparing the Monument Hill samples to

other Sweet Briar trees, as well as trees located throughout Virginia.

The split rails, made from American Chestnut, dated back to 1799. The largest oak log was cut down at about the same time. "But the neat thing about the log," says Professor Ambers, "if you count backwards to the oldest ring, it takes you back to 1488, pre-Columbus. And the width of the rings is very narrow, indicating that it grew up in a dense forest."

Professor Ambers suspects that in less than 80 years, the Monument Hill area was transformed from a lush wooded area into a scarred, intensely eroded slope. Initially planted with corn and tobacco, the site was eventually abandoned—most likely due to a combination of poor soil quality and a lack of slave labor.

"The first settlers," she says, "plowed straight up and down the hills, which sped erosion in steep areas, funneling the water and carrying the sediment down even faster. Instead of plowing side to side, which would

have helped them resist erosion, they did the most convenient thing."

According to Professor Ambers, when the land was opened for cultivation, the streams became choked with mud, which worked to build up the stream beds.

However, when the forest started growing back—as tree rings indicate it did after the Civil War—the new trees shut off the sediment supply, but not the water supply. Fast moving, sediment-free water then started scouring the soil, eroding the same beds it had helped to create. Split rails and logs that had been quickly covered up when the hill was first cleared, were later gradually exposed as the land began to heal.

For Professor Ambers and her students, the Monument Hill project demonstrates how quickly things can get out of hand and how long it can take for the land to recover. "It's a good reminder," she says, "that managing land requires making good decisions every day."

For other faculty and students Professor Ambers' research fills in a few of the many blanks remaining in the plantation's historical record.

"We all want to know when the fields were cleared and which ones were cropped continuously," she explains. "All across the South, dramatic changes in land use took place after the slaves were freed. In the context of the available labor force, it makes sense that the forest around Monument Hill was allowed to grow back. It was distant, hilly, and eroded—so why not let it go?"



Rebecca Ambers

The New Pioneers

Kathleen A. Kavanagh '74 guides non-profits through the next frontier.

From her senior-executive perch at Grenzebach, Glier & Associates, Kathleen A. Kavanagh '74 sees philanthropy at work on a scale that bake-sale volunteers can barely imagine.

As a full-service philanthropic management consulting firm, GG&A provides consultation in advancement for national and international non-profit organizations, with current combined announced campaign goals totaling \$18 billion.

Kathleen's career path, which began as a student caller for the Sweet Briar Annual Fund phonathon, has given her unusual insight into the world of academic fund-raising—a place where a growing number of pioneering women philanthropists are beginning to make their mark.

Kathleen points to Wellesley and Smith as examples of the tremendous headway women are making in the realm of charitable giving. Among the nation's elite liberal arts institutions, these two women's colleges have the most ambitious campaigns currently under way. At the end of 2002, Wellesley was only \$119.5 million short of its \$400 million campaign goal. Smith reached its preliminary goals so quickly, the college decided to raise the bar to a whopping \$425 million by the end of 2004.

When asked what factors might account for such a burst of generosity and optimism, Kathleen begins with a single word.

"It's courage," says Kathleen. "For some of these women in the early 20th century, just going to college was a courageous thing to do. For others it was a matter of bravely continuing on into graduate schools and professions. All of these strides took place at a time when women did not have nearly as much money or power as they do today. Remember, Sweet Briar was founded before women even had the right to vote.

Miss Indie knew what she valued and unapologetically bet the whole plantation on women's education.

"Now that same courageousness is starting to appear in the form of visionary philanthropy. There are many generations of graduates alive today who took chances and paved the way for others to follow. Philanthropy—making a bold gesture by selecting philanthropies to support—is the natural next step for these pioneers."

Over the course of her career Kathleen has noticed some differences in the way men and women approach the art of giving. Typically, men have seemed more

inclined to express their values through philanthropic endeavors, using money to exert influence and drive institutional change. Women, on the other hand, have gravitated more toward the world of volunteer work, offering time, energy, and expertise to organizations they care deeply about.

"When it comes to money," says Kathleen, "women are outstanding givers. But traditionally they've had trouble saying no. They've tended to scatter their gifts over many worthy causes, while men have had no problem telling their friends, 'Sorry, I'm making a big gift to Dartmouth.'

"Women also traditionally have not been encouraged to become major stakeholders in the institutions they support. Husbands would go on the board and wives would go on the special events committee. That's all well and good—and we need women in those leadership roles—but a simple lack of board experience means many potentially great women philanthropists find themselves daunted by the power and responsibility that comes with the territory. Once they plunge in, however, they find out that philanthropy is fun stuff and they really like making a difference."

Of course, none of these patterns hold up one-hundred percent; there have always been exceptions, including Sweet Briar's founder Indiana Fletcher Williams. Miss Indie knew what she valued and unapologetically bet the whole plantation on women's education. It's precisely that spirit of generosity—thoughtful giving at any level—that keeps Kathleen in the fund-raising game.

"I work with people at their best," explains Kathleen. "People give joyously. They wouldn't give if they weren't having a good time because there is no return—they're not getting something back in any ordinary sense. What they get is the reward of knowing they are partners with the institution in its success."

Kathleen enjoyed the experience of talking to Sweet Briar alumnae across the country during a Spring Term SBC student telethon, and lobbied for a summer job in the Development Office. That summer job somehow ended up lasting four years and launched a lifetime career.

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Kathleen A. Kavanagh '74 is a senior executive vice president and managing director with Grenzebach Glier & Associates, where she has been providing counsel to the development leadership of educational, cultural, and other non-profit organizations since 1995.

Prior to joining GG&A, Kathleen was vice president for development at Vassar College, where she oversaw all phases of a comprehensive campaign. That campaign raised \$206.2 million.

Her diverse client list includes Rhode Island School of Design, The University of the South (Sewanee), The Johns Hopkins University, Hampden-Sydney College, Sweet Briar College, Salem Academy and College, and Far Brook School in Short Hills, NJ.

Shown here with SBC Major Gifts Officer Lee Taylor.

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Kathleen is aware that she made an unusual career choice, that two of the things she does almost every day—talking about money and public speaking—vie for first place on the list of things people hate to do. “I think death ranks number six,” she laughs.

But what she grasped nearly 30 years ago, and what more and more women are beginning to understand, is that the business of charitable giving is not only about money. Rather, it’s about what happens as a result of people deciding to support something they value: a new wing for a local hospital, state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, a renovated community day-care center, a bigger library, or endowments that provide resources for institutions to make smart budget decisions that affect their ongoing reputations.

Gradually, as Kathleen continues to describe what she does for a living, the satisfaction and delight she derives from her work comes into focus.

“One of my clients is the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore,” says Kathleen. “More than 100 years ago, one of its founders, a savvy businesswoman named Mary Elizabeth Garrett, promised to give \$100,000 to Johns Hopkins University’s medical school provided that they start admitting women. The Bryn Mawr School became a ‘feeder school’ for girls who wanted education for medical school.”

“I’ve had the pleasure of meeting those women doctors, the Bryn Mawr Babies. Some are now elderly ladies who became physicians at a time when it was not only highly unusual, it was socially unacceptable.

“When I see how a single legacy like Garrett’s is still working to transform women’s lives, it makes it very easy for me to sit down and talk with individuals and institutions about finding the resources they need to continue shaping the future in positive ways.

“None of us should want to go back and visit the college that we went to. We should want to return to a place that is even better than when we were there—better for women and better for the world. And that only happens through philanthropy.”

The Imperfect World of Annual Giving

Alumnae must rally to achieve enviable levels of Annual Fund participation and donations in the years ahead.

Every year an impressive number of Sweet Briar alumnae step forward to fill in the budgetary gaps remaining after all other sources of funding—tuition, interest from the endowment, grants, operational efficiencies, belt-tightening, and auxiliary enterprises—have been expended.

This outpouring of support is so essential to the life of the College that it’s often likened to a blood drive.

The analogy is not far off the mark. Annual alumnae contributions are absolutely vital in maintaining all aspects of the institution. The money flows directly into basic necessities like faculty salaries, equipment purchases and repairs,

electric bills, software upgrades, and snow removal. Alumnae gifts also serve a loftier purpose. That is, without dependable Annual Fund dollars, Sweet Briar could not afford to plan, build, and redefine women’s education for the 21st century.

Though Annual Fund contributions are used immediately, every gift has a lasting effect.

The fund’s flexibility helps to keep tuition increases at a competitive level from year to year, while enabling the endowment to withstand dramatic market fluctuations. Maintaining this difficult balance in the decades ahead is what will make Annual Fund giving a point of pride for SBC alumnae.

How It Works. In a perfect world, the College’s Annual Fund goal would be divvied up equally among all living alumnae who would in turn write checks for a



Reunion 2002: total elation! The Class of '57 walked away with three prizes—the Nancy Dowd Burton Award (largest Reunion gift), the Participation Award for classes celebrating 25th-50th Reunion, and the Award for Total Giving to All Funds During the Year. Carol McMurtry Fowler, class president, holds two of the three aloft, with President Muhlenfeld standing by.

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couple of hundred dollars apiece.

Amazingly, amid the hubbub of real life, many alumnae do manage to pony up in both straightforward and spectacular ways to get the job done.

Participation is central to the process. Foundations and publications like *U.S. News & World Report* correctly view alumnae response (participation) rates as votes of confidence and weave these annual percentages into their overall rankings. Even the smallest gifts offered in this context count for a lot, enabling the College to garner additional grants and maintain its standing among elite liberal arts institutions.

However, high levels of participation do not necessarily guarantee that SBC will reach its goal. The 2001-2002 Annual Fund surpassed the previous year's *donor* total by 300, for a total of 4,329 contributors and an alumnae participation rate of 38 percent. Even so, the *dollars* raised were \$34,188 *less* than the year before.

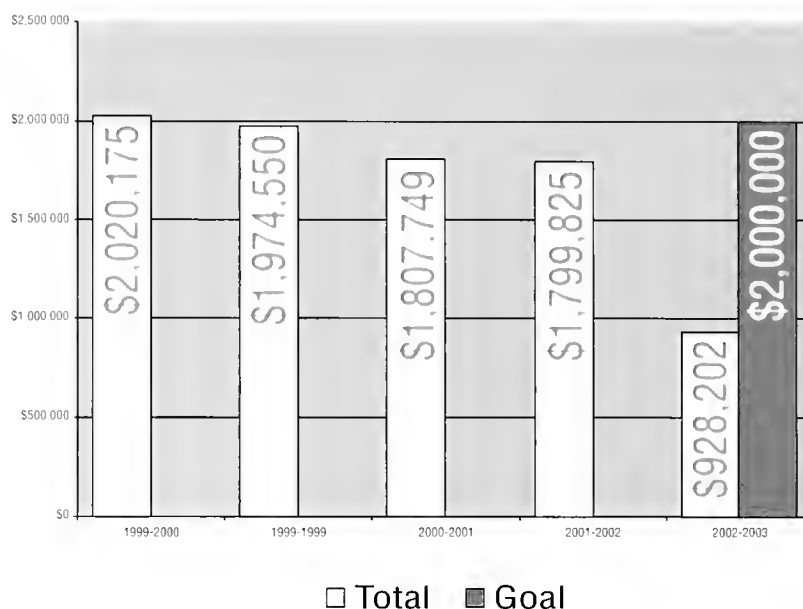
Obviously, participation is not a magic bullet. To succeed, the Annual Fund also relies on large contributions from a relatively small number of donors.

Every year, the spirited efforts of Sweet Briar's Reunion classes account for approximately 30 percent of the Annual Fund total. An exceptional number of these celebrants stretch to become members of the College's four top gift societies, coming through with contributions ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 or more.

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Annual Fund Totals

Figures as of February 12, 2003



For example, in 2002, the College received \$45,000 from an alumna commemorating her 45th Reunion. Another alumna gave nearly \$17,000 to match gifts made by her 20th Reunion classmates. Two alumnae from the Class of 1952 came through with gifts greater than \$15,000 and \$20,000 respectively.

Together, special Reunion alumnae and long-standing members of SBC's gift societies provide the financial foundation the College requires to balance its annual budget. Going forward, the ranks of these contributors will have to increase in keeping with the College's aspirations, lifting Sweet Briar to the next, transformational level of unrestricted support.

The 11.4 Million Dollar Question. In 1999-2000, the Sweet Briar Annual Fund reached the highest level of unrestricted giving ever, topping out at \$1.9 million.

During the two years following, fund totals decreased slightly to \$1,871,861 and then dipped again to \$1,837,673.

These levels—achieved during some of the best and worst times in the nation's

memory—indicate that, yes, alumnae are determined to carry out their bold vision of Sweet Briar's future, no matter what.

In its October 2002 campaign announcement, the College set a target of \$11.4 million in unrestricted annual support for the duration of *Our Campaign For Her World*. This ambitious amount represents more than 10 percent of the campaign's comprehensive \$102 million goal, making every Annual Fund donation in the coming years into a campaign gift as well.

For starters, this year's Annual Fund is aiming for \$2 million from 5,000 contributors, including alumnae, parents, and friends. Since alumnae traditionally provide 90 percent of the support every year, just participating will not be enough to supplement the call for increased generosity on the part of Reunion (and *non-Reunion*) classes. The push is now on for all alumnae to raise one hand and be counted, while cracking open their piggy banks with the other.

Bold Dreams: A Gala Dedication to Her World

Sweet Briar embarks on the largest campaign in the College's history.

Saturday, October 26, 2002, the greater Sweet Briar community—alumnae, students, faculty, parents, and friends— assembled in the new Student Commons to celebrate the unveiling of *Our Campaign For Her World*, the largest comprehensive fund-raising effort in the College's history.

Nancy Hall Green '64, chair of the campaign, announced the unprecedented campaign goal of \$102 million, reporting that \$56.2 million in gifts and pledges to the campaign had already been received at that time.

"*Our Campaign For Her World* is the means by which we will fulfill our bold dreams to make Sweet Briar highly competitive for years to come, a model for women's education," she said.

The campaign goal announcement gala was the pinnacle of the weekend's festivities, during which the College hosted an array of special activities, including the dedication and exclusive tour of Prothro Hall and a showcase of academic programs.

In addition, The Keystone Society, Sweet Briar's newest donor society, inducted 17 charter members, all of whom have made lifetime commitments totaling \$1 million or more.

"The campaign that we are celebrating tonight is, as its theme implies, all about 'Her World'—the choices, the opportunities, the possibilities that will be available to Sweet Briar students and alumnae in the 21st century because of your generous and dedicated support today," said Michela English '71, chairman, Sweet Briar College Board of Directors.

She extended special thanks to the College's Board of Directors, the Campaign Steering Committee, the Development Leadership Council, and the

Campaign Announcement Committee for their all-out support of the campaign and hard work thus far.

The campaign emphasizes a mix of endowment, facilities, scholarship, and program objectives, and also seeks to strengthen the College's Annual Fund. Gifts to the campaign already are in evidence, impacting and enhancing academic life.

"Thanks to generous donors, the College has been able to award several new scholarships under the auspices of the Center for Civic Renewal, to support international students, to provide stipends for student interns, and to start a travel fund that will enable faculty-student teams to present their research and creative endeavors at national professional meetings—just to name a few examples," said President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld.

This campaign represents the next step in a strong tradition of philanthropy at Sweet Briar, including a \$500,000 campaign for the College in the '40s and the \$35 million campaign that concluded in 1994, exceeding its goal by \$3 million.

"Our campaign goal of \$102 million is ambitious and challenging, and it is matched by the dedication, determination and loyalty of our volunteers, staff and alumnae at large," said Nancy Green.

The conclusion of the celebratory evening was signaled by the premiere performance of "Fanfare For Her World," an original composition by Dr. Jonathan Green, associate dean of academic affairs and director of ensembles. Professor Green composed the piece specifically for the event. It was performed by student members of the ensemble group. Audience reaction: Bravo!

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Board of Directors Chairman Michela English: "...special thanks to the College's Board of Directors, the Campaign Steering Committee, the Development Leadership Council, and the Campaign Announcement Committee for their all-out support and hard work thus far."



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Campaign Chair Nancy Green: "...the means by which we will fulfill our bold dreams to make Sweet Briar highly competitive for years to come, a model for women's education."



Celebrants begin to gather for an evening to remember

Betsy Smith White '59, BOD, DLC; Bradley Thayer; Carlos De Alba (husband, Elaine Arozarena '81); Bee Newman Thayer '61, BOD, DLC

Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57, BOD, DLC; President Muhlenfeld; Olivia Nearay '03

Mary Lee McGinnis McClain '54, BOD; Josiah Rowe III (husband, Anne Wilson Rowe '57)

Sarah Canovaca '03 discusses "her world" with Gala guest

Elaine Arozarena '81, BOD; Linda Shank, executive assistant to president

Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown, DLC; William Ross (husband, Natalie Roberts Ross '31)

Betsy Smith White '59, BOD, DLC; Jody Raines Brinkley '57

A light moment! Kathleen Kavanagh '74, campaign consultant; Carol McMurtry Fowler '57, BOD, DLC

Gordon G. Beemer H'21 (husband, the late Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21)

Flo Barclay Winston '57, BOD; Nausheena Baig '04; Michelle Poore '05

Campaign Announcement **GALA** October 26 2002

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BOD: Board of Directors; AB: Alumnae Association Board; DLC: Development Leadership Council

Dedication Ceremony for **PROTHRO HALL**

October 25, 2002

In recognition of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39; Kathryn Prothro Yeager '61; Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84; Linda Yeager Belchev '85; Holly Prothro Philbin '95; and Charles N. Prothro and Mark H. Prothro, Board of Directors, and Perkins-Prothro Foundation

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BOD: Board of Directors; DLC: Development Leadership Council



President Muhlenfeld welcomes honorees and guests. L-r: Chaplain Guy Brewer; Michela English '71, BOD chairman; Elizabeth Edwards; Elizabeth Prothro; Mark Prothro



Commemorative Plaque unveiled



Brass Ensemble plays as crowd leaves for tour.

Academic Program **SYMPOSIA**

October 26



SB Train Station, now home to Environmental Studies Program



Dr. David Orvos, associate professor, environmental sciences, holds forth



Jane W. Nelson '66, DLC, admires exhibit, Arts Farm



Director of Libraries John Jaffe tells of plans for expansion of the Library and Technology Center



Professor Angelo Metzidakis (modern languages and literature) highlights The Honors Program



Mimi Wroten, associate director, Riding Program, discusses new Equine Studies Certificate

How Long Is Your Shadow?

Campaign Announcement Weekend Chapel Service Sunday, October 27, 2002

*Dr. Guy Brewer
Chaplain, Sweet Briar College*

Text: Acts 5: 12-16

Do you remember this little poem from grammar school?

"I have a little shadow that goes in
and out with me
And what can be the use of him is
more than I can see."

How true. We all have a shadow and all of us are unaware at some level of the use or purpose of our shadow. Of course, I'm not talking about the physical phenomenon of shadows. Your shadow is your personal influence—that unconscious, unlimited, unstoppable influence you have on those around you.

So, how long is *your* shadow?

The Steven Spielberg film, *Schindler's List*, is a tale about the shadow that Oscar Schindler, German industrialist, cast on Jews in Nazi Germany. Oscar Schindler was an unlikely hero. Among his peers, Schindler was gossiped about as "Oscar Swindler," a womanizer, gambler, problem drinker. But he was a kind and fair employer to Jews in an age when few Germans would employ Jews.

When a rabbi came to work in Schindler's factory, he approached his new boss to thank him for hiring him and many of his congregation. "You have done a great thing, Herr Schindler. As the proverb says, 'He who saves one saves the world.'" This comment touched Oscar Schindler's heart. Over the next months and years, the length of his shadow on Jews in Nazi Germany continued to grow as he employed them despite growing opposition from business associates. He hid Jewish friends from the Gestapo, and eventually,

helped them escape from Germany.

The book of Acts includes a story about the shadow of a common Jewish fisherman named Peter. Peter was an ordinary man who became extraordinary through the influence of Jesus on his life. Some months after Jesus' death and resurrection, Peter had become such an influential person that folks followed him seeking that at least his shadow might fall upon them. The story recounts that folks with terrible diseases and problems in their lives were healed as Peter's shadow fell on them. That's a big shadow!

Of course, one could easily dismiss belief in the power of shadows to superstition and ignorance of first-century people. This would be a mistake. In 20th-century India, Brahmans would throw away food on which the shadow of an untouchable fell. Mahatma Gandhi, great crusader for the rights of untouchables, was followed everywhere by crowds of people who sought to fall under his shadow. Gandhi was a small man who continued to shrink over time from his hunger strikes. As he shrank, his shadow grew. Eventually, his shadow stretched around the world and fell upon a young African-American preacher. Martin Luther King, Jr. King studied Gandhi's principles of non-violent resistance and used them to bring civil rights to millions of African-Americans.

How long is your shadow? If you are like most people, you underestimate your personal influence. Research performed by Injoy Leadership Network in the early 1990s indicated that the average American influences 10,000 people in a lifetime. That statistic was published before the internet came of age. How many people could the average 18-year-old influence today through her Web site?

I have been trained all of my life to be disciplined and intentional, at least in my work. It's a good thing to have goals, to count results, to be accountable. However, the truth is that the greater part of our influence is unconscious. This is your

shadow: the unconscious influence you have on others.

After all, life is driven by our attitudes and the moment-to-moment influence we have on those around us. Communication experts tell us that 80% of the messages we communicate are not what we intentionally say, but rather, the non-verbal, unconscious messages we send. Long after folks have stopped listening, they are still watching.

When I was pastor of a church in Jacksonville, Florida, the director of the church preschool shared a story about Bobby, a 4-year-old student. Bobby found a snakeskin on the playground and brought it to her. "What the hell is this, Miss Barbara?" "Bobby, I'm ashamed of your manners!" Barbara answered. Bobby hung his head in shame, but then, a light bulb came on. "Miss Barbara, what the hell is this, please?"

Any of you who have been around children can relate to this story. Bobby was just repeating what he had heard his hard-working, distracted father or mother say at home when they weren't paying attention to who was listening. Bobby was their little shadow.

You have heard folks refer to someone who is overly timid as being "afraid of her shadow." It's our way of saying someone is a cowardly scaredy-cat. When you stop to think about the length of unconscious shadow each of us casts on others, a healthy respect for that shadow makes a lot of sense.

How long is your shadow? Your shadow is unlimited influence. A little over a year ago, we all suffered through September 11 and the days that immediately followed. I was as shocked and speechless as anyone else, but it fell to me to organize a campus service to draw people together and offer them some comfort and wisdom. At a time like that I relied upon a third-grade graduate, my grandmother, Momma Necie, for the right words to say. Momma Necie didn't have the ben-

efit of formal education, but she was one of the strongest and wisest women I ever knew. She was a Blackfoot Indian who married at age 12 only to be abandoned by her husband a year later. She outlived three husbands and raised 11 children by herself in the midst of the Great Depression.

Momma Necie died when I was a junior in college, but her shadow fell across Sweet Briar College at that September 11 memorial service. Thirty years after her death, I retold Mama Necie's stories and Blackfoot legends as a source of strength in hard times.

Jesus' strategy for changing the world relied upon the unlimited power of personal influence. Although large crowds followed him, Jesus devoted most of his time to 12 key followers. He taught these men to put a priority on personal influence and had such an impact on them that they all eventually sacrificed their lives for the gospel. In turn, they modeled Jesus' strategy of unlimited personal influence. As a result, we are still talking about Peter's shadow today.

Wallace Hamilton connected the idea of our unlimited personal influence with the concept of Judgment Day. He suggested that our lives are like the wave patterns created when a pebble is dropped in a pond. Our influence on others keeps spreading out to infinity. In God's mercy, judgment awaits the end of the world when all the facts are fully known.

How long is your shadow? Your shadow is unstoppable. When I was a kid, I was fascinated by the notion in the Disney movie, *Peter Pan*, that Captain Hook stole Peter's shadow. How could that be? No one can steal your shadow, your personal influence. You alone are responsible for this unstoppable influence.

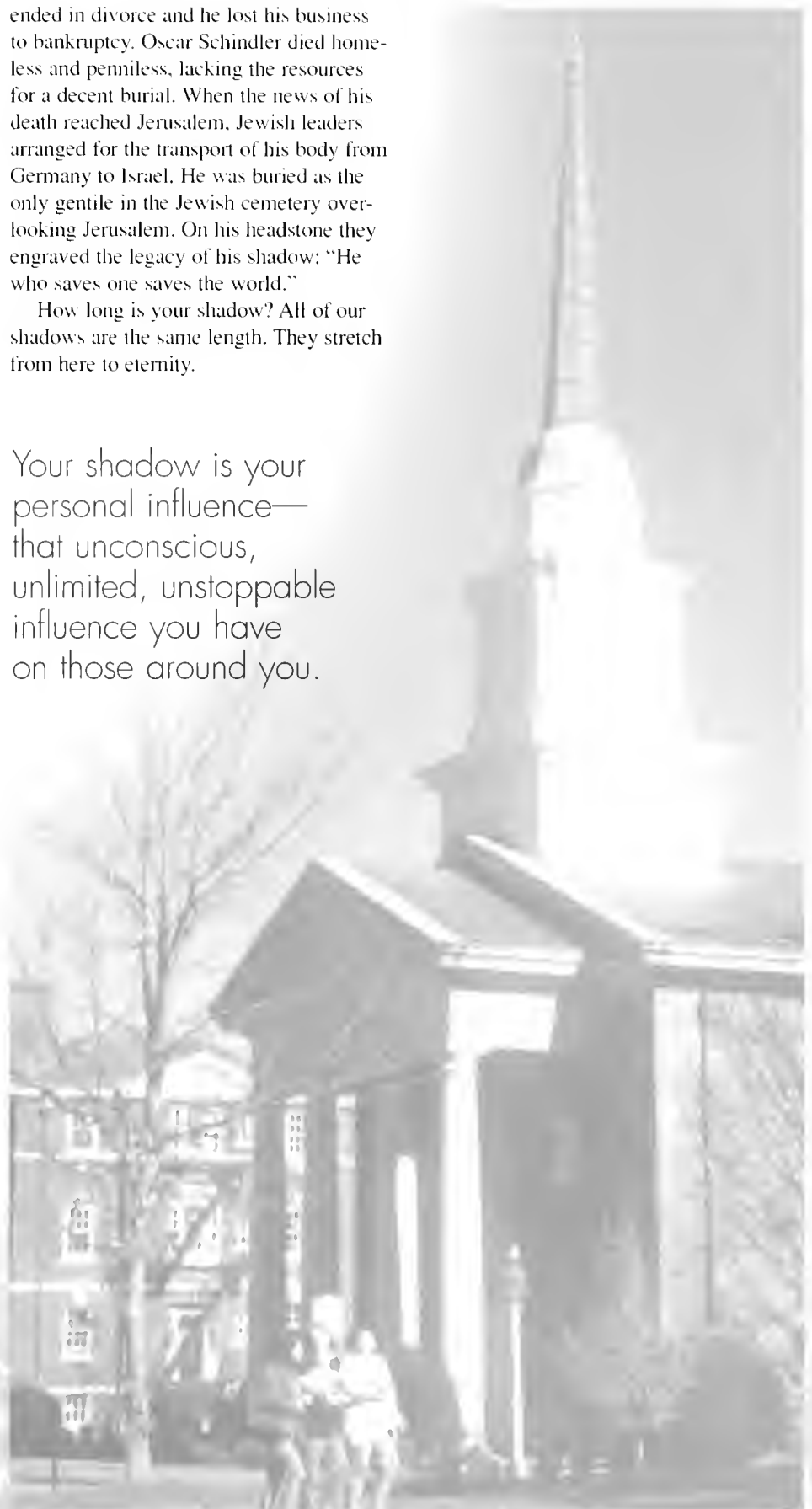
Jesus' parables about the mustard seed illustrate the unstoppable quality of our personal influence. Like a seed once planted, our influence continues to grow and produce fruit in the lives of others. As Robert Schuller puts it, "Any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple, but God alone can count the number of apples in a seed."

Even a questionable character like Oscar Schindler had an unstoppable influence. As he aged, his personal problems worsened. He drank more. His marriage

ended in divorce and he lost his business to bankruptcy. Oscar Schindler died homeless and penniless, lacking the resources for a decent burial. When the news of his death reached Jerusalem, Jewish leaders arranged for the transport of his body from Germany to Israel. He was buried as the only gentile in the Jewish cemetery overlooking Jerusalem. On his headstone they engraved the legacy of his shadow: "He who saves one saves the world."

How long is your shadow? All of our shadows are the same length. They stretch from here to eternity.

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Sweet Briar Parents Experience Her World

The success of Families Weekend reflects a longer, supportive relationship.

Picking up on Sweet Briar's campaign theme, this year's Families Weekend invited parents to "Experience Her World." The three-day affair made good on its motto, giving parents a chance to interact with the administration and faculty, while enjoying all the College has to offer: historic tours, nature walks, sporting events and academic contests, stargazing, musical theatre, computer labs, gallery and museum exhibits, and chapel services.

"We want parents to do more than drive eight hours to take their daughters out to dinner," explains Valdrie Walker, dean of Co-Curricular Life. "We want families to feel welcome, informed, and engaged. And it's working. I've never seen the president's reception so packed."

While the College officially dedicates one weekend to the interests and entertainment of SBC parents, the success of Families Weekend reflects a longer, supportive relationship that begins with admissions and sometimes continues after graduation.

Part of the excitement of having parents on campus is hearing what they have to say about "Her World." After visiting the campus Fall Term, the parents of four very different students were kind enough to share their thoughts with the *Alumnae Magazine*. Their focus on the fundamentals—the well-being and education of their daughters—offers remarkable and reassuring insight into the workings of the extended College community.

Mark Davis, father of Leah '04 and Kathryn '05, had never heard of Sweet Briar College and admits that he was somewhat leery about the idea of a women's college. But, during the family's five-college tour, SBC emerged as the winner by a considerable lead. Leah

applied Early Decision. And Mark eventually became a member of the Parent's Steering Committee.

"Our Sweet Briar tour guides," recalls Mark, "were articulate and self-aware, with a confidence that I don't normally see in 19-year-olds. I had to hand it to Leah for scouting out such a great place. In my experience, everything Sweet Briar does is done with excellence, and that quality was evident at the start."

Kathryn credits two events which made the difference in her college decision. "First," Mark says, "both girls received individual, hand-signed invitations from the Alumnae Club of New Jersey for a resume clinic at Rutgers. Several Sweet Briar alumnae working in different fields gave up their Sunday afternoon to help a small group of students. Kathryn was very impressed. And afterward, when she was invited to a "Women of Promise" weekend on campus, she decided to follow up and found that the experience clinched it for her."

Mark cannot believe that, as a freshman, Kathryn was assisting a professor involved in cancer research. "She spent all summer," he explains, "synthesizing an infinitesimally small amount of a chemical that was being tested as a directed cancer drug—attacking cancer cells while avoiding healthy ones. The technology she used in the process was unbelievably sophisticated and expensive, not your average lab equipment."

Mark is equally as impressed with Leah's experience. "In Leah's case," he says, "her psychology professor expanded his own research in order to incorporate her research interests into his experiments. Tell me where else you would find flexibility like this: professors willing to alter the direction of their own research to accommodate and mentor undergraduates. When I met Professor Cusato at Families Weekend, I just wanted to thank him over and over again."

Connie Lea, mother of Susan '06,

finally resolved to ask her daughter if she was interested in transferring. Susan had enrolled at a mid-size university and didn't seem to be getting the academic guidance or the social experience she'd anticipated.

"You're only as happy as your most miserable child," laughs Connie. "As soon as I suggested the possibility of switching schools, Susan hung up the phone and immediately started researching colleges on the Internet. She chose a weekend to visit Sweet Briar and fell in love with it. So, this year we're happy."

At Sweet Briar, Susan found the perfect match for her creative and athletic interests. She plans to major in the fine arts, including creative writing, and has already joined the swim team. She's also finding that the College's residential life is more to her liking.

"One of the first things Susan reported back to me was, 'Mom, they crack their own eggs here!' The basics—the quality of the food and the whole atmosphere—are that much better."

Connie and her husband Page, who recently joined the Parents Steering Committee, came for Families Weekend but found themselves spending a good portion of their time off campus. After several weeks of swimming and exercise combined with SBC's superior food service, their daughter was in shape for a new wardrobe.

Sally Old Kitchin '76, mother of Maria '04, has been involved with the College for decades. Her husband Jim is currently co-chair of the Parents Steering Committee and Sally has jumped in to help with the Friends of Athletics, among other SBC activities.

"I was the first person in my class to have a daughter attend Sweet Briar," says Sally. "It's been an exciting process because I've been able to see the difference for myself. Where other colleges

might add some personal touches. Sweet Briar provides genuine, individual attention. Admissions counselors, coaches, and faculty really go the distance.

"It's also been difficult having a daughter here," continues Sally. "Now, before I make Boxwood calls to classmates, I have to sit down, write out, and then shorten what I have to say. Otherwise, I'll just go on and on about all the neat opportunities Maria is getting through her art history and sociology courses. I just want to stand on the rooftop and shout about it."

Sally is confident that the education President Muhlenfeld is shaping for today's students is relevant and full of promise. "Her World," she says, "is really an unknown. The College's mission or

campaign is to make sure young women are ready to succeed in the future as it unfolds. President Muhlenfeld's vision—the interdisciplinary direction she's taking—is the right approach considering all the changes our daughters will be facing along the way."

FAMILIES WEEKEND October 18-20

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OCTOBER 18-20**

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Founders' Day 2002

Was the Centerpiece of a September 19-21 Weekend Featuring **Alumnae Council** and the Center for Civic Renewal's Symposium, **"Religion in the Public Square"**

Close to 100 alumnae returned to campus to enjoy a weekend filled with intellectual stimulation (the Center for Civic Renewal [CCR] Symposium), hard work (Alumnae Council meetings) and celebration (Founders' Day). The symposium was open to the public and many of the College's friends and neighbors from Amherst, Lynchburg, and the surrounding communities turned out to hear the distinguished array of speakers that the CCR had assembled. Alumnae Council business meetings were "shoehorned in" around the public events so that alumnae could hear all the symposium speakers and enjoy the community festivities surrounding Founders' Day. Between alumnae and members of the public, the campus hummed!

On Thursday evening, September 19, Ambassador Dennis Ross, the keynote speaker for the symposium, addressed the impact of religion on events in the Middle East and the USA's war on terrorism. Some alumnae came from Washington, D.C. especially to hear this talk.

On Founders' Day itself, September 20, alumnae loved a student panel discussion which was held during the luncheon honoring the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates.

The Founders' Day Convocation keynote address, "Religion in the Public Square," was given by Professor Susan Estrich, University of Southern California Law School. Her rousing talk was followed by the presentation of the Distinguished Alumna Award to Nella



Daisies for Daisy's grave

Gray Barkley '55. Then the crowd, led by bagpipers, processed out of Murchison Lane Auditorium and up to Monument Hill for the Founders' Day service and placing of memorial flowers. That evening, after a community picnic in the Quad, Professor Robert Thurman, chair at Columbia University in Indo-Tibetan Studies, delivered a talk, "The Inner Revolution: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Real Happiness."

The first event on Saturday morning was President Betsy Muhlenfeld's "SBC Update." Dr. Stephen Bragaw, associate professor of government and Center for Civic Renewal associate director, treated alumnae to a preview of his 2003 Alumnae College, "The Rivalry that Shaped America." This was followed by the final event of the CCR symposium, a panel discussion, "From Vouchers to the Pledge of Allegiance to Social Welfare: Religion and Public Policy." The two well-known leaders of the panel (who were facing each other for the first time in public, we were told) were Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and James Towey, director of the White House's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

The Annual Alumnae Association Meeting, held during lunch on Saturday, was highlighted by the presentation of the Outstanding Alumna Award to Elizabeth Bond Wood '34 and Ann Morrison Reams '42. On Saturday afternoon, there was a special program for former members of the Alumnae Association Board who had returned to campus in an advisory capacity to discuss ways of sharing their knowledge and experience.

Alumnae Council was a great success: the business meetings were productive and the CCR symposium sparked much spirited discussion, even argument, throughout the weekend.



Founders' Day Presidential Party gathers. L-r: Distinguished Alumna Nella Gray Barkley '55; Associate Professor of Government Stephen Bragaw; Susan Estrich; President Muhlenfeld; Chaplain Brewer; Associate Dean Jonathan Green; Alumnae Association President Diane Dalton '67



September 20 lunchtime Student Panel Discussion, L-r: Sarah Canavaca '03; Christine Burroughs '04; Lisa Lussier '03; Kaneia Maya '03



Ambassador Dennis Ross—a charismatic, compelling speaker



Monument Hill—a beloved landmark for the SBC community



Faculty and students assemble for Founders' Day Convocation.



Students and alumnae enjoy Founders' Day community picnic



Founders' Day keynote speaker Susan Estrich

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ALUMNA AWARD

Nella Gray Barkley



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Nella Gray Barkley

**Introduction of
Nella Gray Barkley '55
at Founders' Day Convocation,
September 20, 2002**

*By Alumnae Association President
Diane Dalton '67*

It is one of my greatest pleasures, as president of the Alumnae Association, to present the annual Distinguished Alumna Award, one of Sweet Briar's highest accolades. This year's recipient, Nella Gray Barkley of the Class of 1955, definitely fulfills the award's requirement that she bring distinction both to herself and to Sweet Briar College. Nella is president and co-founder of Crystal-Barkley Corporation, "one of the nation's better-known career counseling firms," according to *Business Week*. With programs in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Atlanta, her company helps hundreds of clients make the right career choices, and conducts pro-

grams for companies internationally to match workers to jobs. In addition to running her business, Nella is a very active volunteer and maintains a happy household and beautiful, historic home in Charleston, South Carolina. She managed to do this even in the days when she and her late husband, Rufus Barkley, were raising their three children. Throughout her busy life she has remained a strong and active supporter of Sweet Briar College. I am thrilled to welcome Nella here today to accept her award and should also like to welcome one of Nella's roommates, Rebecca ("Bexie") Faxon Knowles of Annapolis, MD.

As a student, Nella was active in many clubs and activities and studied abroad with Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France. Upon earning her Sweet Briar degree in French, Nella married Rufus Barkley and moved with him to Charleston, where she became very involved in civic life. No ordinary volunteer, she initiated projects

such as a center where juvenile delinquent boys could be rehabilitated rather than institutionalized, and a low-income housing rehabilitation project for the City of Charleston. She was the first general manager of the Spoleto Festival USA, which has now become a major international cultural event. She became an organizational planning expert and in 1975 completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. At Harvard, she realized that, in addition to helping companies and organizations, she could help individuals find fulfilling careers. She met the late John Crystal (whose ideas had inspired the best-selling book by Richard Bolles, *What Colour is Your Parachute*) and, being Nella, persuaded him to join her in starting a company, the Crystal-Barkley Corporation, that would make his ideas more widely available. Today, Nella directs the operations of the Crystal-Barkley Corporation and its John C. Crystal Center.

consults with industry and is a frequent source for and guest of the media: "CBS Morning News," the *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune*, CNN, *Forbes* and *Cosmopolitan* are among them, and she has been interviewed on "Larry King Live." She has written two books, *How to Help Your Child Land The Right Job*, subtitled, "(without being a pain in the neck)", and *The Crystal Barkley Guide To Taking Charge Of Your Career*. One of her many published articles was selected as the lead chapter in Sylvia Porter's book, *Love and Money*.

With her amazing energy, Nella continues her volunteer work, sitting on numerous boards, helping the United Way, and this year, co-chairing the campaign for the Alexis de Tocqueville Society and also organizing Charleston Trident Mission 2000, an experiment in citizen participation in public issues. She was elected to the Council of the National Municipal League, a citizen group that strived for better government. Her past volunteer commitments include being president of the Junior League of Charleston, and later, president of the Association of Junior Leagues. She was founding chairman of the South Carolina Educational Television Endowment and vice chairman of the South Carolina Committee for Endowment for the Humanities. She has been a member of: the Consulting Committee of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; the Charleston Opera Society; the board of directors of "Up With People"; the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; and the President's Committee on Employment for the Handicapped. These are just a sampling of her civic activities.

Let me quote a couple of clients as they describe what Nella's company has done for them: The Crystal-Barkley Process has "transformed our lives...allowed me to choose the most fulfilling direction within my profession...given me the tools to realize my dreams." We are proud that the world recognizes Nella's great gifts. And we feel most fortunate that she has returned to Sweet Briar to accept our affirmation that she is one of our brightest stars. I am honored to confer upon Nella our Distinguished Alumna Award and to present to her a resolution passed, in her honor, by the Alumnae Association Board.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 16, 2002 acknowledges with gratitude the recognition and honor that our 2002 Distinguished Alumna Award winner, Nella Gray Barkley of the Class of 1955, brings to Sweet Briar College. Through her professional accomplishments with the Crystal-Barkley Corporation at the highest echelons of management and industry, and her volunteer service on the local, state and national levels, she has unlocked opportunities for countless organizations and individuals.

As a Sweet Briar alumna, Nella has given strong and generous support to her alma mater. She served on the national committee for the College's 75th anniversary celebrations and has spoken at Sweet Briar on several occasions. In Charleston, she has over the years been a gracious hostess for many Sweet Briar events and guests.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest pride in Nella for the inspiration she provides to us all in devoting her life to sharing her great gifts, giving to others the tools for success. The Board does so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Diane B. Dalton '67
President, Sweet Briar Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Recipients of the Distinguished Alumna Award

The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.

1988

Dorothy Rouse-Bottom '49
Diana Muldaur Dozier '60
Karin Lawson '74

1989

Hallam Hurt '67

1990

Virginia Upchurch Collier '72
Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

1991

Ann Henderson Bannard '49
Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45

1992

Marshall Yeargin-Allsopp '68

1993

Molly Haskell Sarris '61

1994

Anna Chao Pai '57

1995

Joan Vail Thorne '51

1996

Beryl Bergquist Farris '71

1997

Georgene M. Vairo '72

1998

Katharine Crommelin Milton '62

1999

Patricia Traugott Rouse '48

2000

Connie Burwell White '34

2001

Joanne Holbrook Patton '52

2002

Nella Gray Barkley '55



Elizabeth Wood



Ann Reams accepting her award

2002

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD TO

Elizabeth Bond Wood '34

Ann Morrison Reams '42

Introduction of Honorees at Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association, September 21, 2002

By Alumnae Association President Diane Dalton '67

It is always a great pleasure, as president of the Alumnae Association, to present the annual Outstanding Alumna award to an alumna who has given outstanding volunteer service to Sweet Briar College. This year there are two recipients, both former, legendary directors of the Alumnae Association: Elizabeth ("Jackie") Bond Wood, who graduated in 1934 and Ann Morrison Reams of the Class of 1942. Both of these women have given superlative service to Sweet Briar, not only as volunteers but also in their

professional careers. They went far above and beyond the call of duty and have created, and passed down to us, an organization that is quite remarkable.

Elizabeth Wood could not be here today, unfortunately, but her daughter, Lisa Wood Hancock '63, is here to accept the award for her. I'm delighted to welcome Lisa and our awardees' other family members who could join us today; a warm welcome as well to the classmates and friends who have come to celebrate with our honorees.

Neither of our award winners needs to be introduced to a Sweet Briar audience, but let me mention a few of their accomplishments. First, Elizabeth Wood, who is well known and loved by countless alumnae and friends of the College through her

long association with the Sweet Briar Alumnae and Development Offices. An English major at Sweet Briar, she earned honors at graduation. After some years working in investments and, with her late husband Ernest, raising their two daughters and a son, she started working for Sweet Briar in 1955 as executive secretary (this position is now called director) of the Alumnae Association and editor of the *Alumnae Magazine*. She retired in 1979 as vice president for development and public relations. Upon her retirement, the national Council for Development and Support of Education (CASE) presented her with the "Distinguished Service to Education" award. The following quote from the letter nominating her for that award will give you some idea of how

noteworthy her achievements are:

"...Mrs. Wood has risen to a level in her profession achieved by very few women of her generation.

"As a longtime member of the American Alumni Council (AAC) and later of CASE, a member of the board of directors of the AAC, a founder and member of the board of directors of Editorial Projects for Education, she was one of the pioneers in the emerging field of institutional relations.

"...she developed an outstanding alumnae giving program that five times won the AAC/US Steel Alumni Giving Incentive Award, with one first place for sustained performance among women's colleges. Among other awards were the 1967 Sears Roebuck Foundation Alumni Administration Award and the AAC's Alumni Administration Award for Excellence.

"As vice president, she successfully carried through Sweet Briar's \$10 million 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign to a total of \$11.2 million, achieved in large part by a record-breaking 64 percent participation rate among Sweet Briar's alumnae."

Since her retirement, Elizabeth has continued to put her considerable talents to work on Sweet Briar's behalf. As a volunteer, she was, most recently, a member of the Centennial Commission. During the Campaign for Sweet Briar College in the early '90s, she served on the president's Campaign Advisory Council and was co-chair of the Lynchburg Community Campaign. A longtime class fund agent and member of the Boxwood Circle Committee, she co-chaired the Reunion



Ann flanked by family and classmates. Front: Ann; husband Bernie. Middle, l-r: Eloise English Rankin; granddaughter Ann Schoew; daughter Winkie Reams Schoew; Betsy Gilmer Tremain; Myron Tremain. Top: Grace Bugg Muller-Thym; Son Steve Reams; Dick Schoew; Mary Stone Rutherford.

Gifts Committee for 1934's 55th Reunion. She is a member of the Williams Associates and a strong supporter of Friends of the Library. Over the years she has been a gracious hostess for Sweet Briar presidents, staff, and alumnae, and has done many other special things, such as coming back to campus to share with students her reminiscences about May Day and other Sweet Briar traditions.

It is a great honor to confer this award upon Elizabeth Wood. Thank you, Lisa, for accepting the award and an accompanying resolution from the Alumnae Association Board on your mother's behalf.

Our co-recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award, Ann Reams, earned her Sweet Briar degree in music. She held several interesting jobs, for the U.S. Navy and as a newspaper reporter, then spent some years raising a family of four, two sons and two daughters, and being a "professional" volunteer in Lynchburg. Her civic service included being president of the Junior League of Lynchburg; the League later named her Outstanding Sustainer of the Year for 1986-87.

In 1968, Ann came to work for the Alumnae Association, succeeding Elizabeth Wood as director in 1974. In 1986, she was named to the College president's Executive Council, the first alumnae director to be so honored. She retired as Director of the Alumnae Association Emerita in 1991.

To mention just a few of the highlights of Ann's term as director: she has contributed to alumnae organizations on the state and national levels as well as at Sweet Briar; she was the driving force behind the reactivation of the women's college administrator's group which is

still very successful and is now known as ADAPT (Alumnae Directors and Presidents Together); she was a founding director of the Virginia Alumnae and Development Directors Association. At Sweet Briar, she developed a computerized alumnae network and started the Winter Forums lecture series, the forerunner of the current Lunch and Learn series, which is still the only event designed especially to foster town-gown relations. Ann planned the College's 75th Anniversary celebration and established the Distinguished Alumna Award. Under her leadership, attendance at Reunion increased four-fold and the College won a special-events silver medal from CASE for the 1990 Reunion.

Since her retirement, Ann has remained very close to the College. She served on the Centennial Commission and, during the fund-raising campaign in the early '90s, was a member of the president's Campaign Advisory Council and the Lynchburg Campaign Committee. She is a member of the Williams Associates, has been class president since 1992 and served on her class' Reunion Gifts Committee for the 50th and 55th Reunions. Both she and her husband Bernie have been fabulous hosts for countless alumnae events. Before Ann's retirement, she was a mentor for Alumnae Association presidents as well as staff, and she continues in this role, entertaining and advising new young staff members and talking to students.

It is my privilege to confer upon Ann the Outstanding Alumna Award and to present to her the resolution which was passed by the Board of the Alumnae Association.



Lisa Wood Hancock accepting award on behalf of her mother

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:
Anne Cumnack Miller*;
Eugenia Griffin Burnett*;
Louise Hooper Ewell*;
Frances Murrell Rickards*;
Annie Powell Hedges*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Hartan '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and
Helen H. McMahon '23*
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
- 1977 Martha van Briesen '31 and
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwelle '35*
- 1978 Darathy Nicholsan Tate '38*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemman Stohlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hedges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Daucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dawd Burton '46* and
Jane Roseberry Ewald Tallesan '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Caligny '34*
- 1986 Adelaide Baze Glascock '40 and
Sarah Adams Bush '43*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Granes '45*
- 1989 Anne Naves Awtrey Lewis '43 and
Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brawn '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brawn '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and
Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brawn '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmans Simon '63
- 2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
- 2001 Nannette McBurney Crowder '57
- 2002 Elizabeth Bond Wood '34 and
Ann Morrison Reams '42

*Deceased

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 16, 2002, acknowledges with gratitude the many years of service that Ann Morrison Reams, Class of 1942, has given to Sweet Briar College. As Director of the Alumnae Association she greatly increased standards and expectations in the profession, at the state and national levels as well as at Sweet Briar. In this position, she combined great warmth with energy and efficiency.

She has spread good fellowship not just in the Lynchburg Alumnae Club but at alumnae gatherings throughout the United States and on alumnae tours abroad. In retirement, she continues to be one of the pillars of the Sweet Briar community.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Ann, one of our 2002 Outstanding Alumnae, for using her great talent for conviviality to create immense reserves of goodwill for her alma mater. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Diane B. Dalton '67

President, Sweet Briar Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80

Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 16, 2002, acknowledges with gratitude the long and loyal service that Elizabeth Bond Wood of the Class of 1934, one of our 2002 Outstanding Alumnae, has given to Sweet Briar College. As Director of Alumnae Affairs and Vice President for Development and College Relations, she won national recognition for the College's professional efforts in these areas.

Since retiring, she has been a devoted volunteer for Sweet Briar for more than 20 years. Everything she has done has been illuminated by her artistry with words, and enhanced by her personal elegance and charm.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Elizabeth for giving to her alma mater a lifetime of both practical, material support and personal devotion. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Diane B. Dalton '67

President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80

Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Spotlight

Photo by Nancy Blackwell Morion '74

A small world after all: Amherst woman makes big hobby out of miniatures

By Amy Couteé

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As Anne Richards takes stock of the field of vibrant irises, white daisies, tulips, pansies, lavender delphiniums, peonies, yellow daffodils and hydrangeas, she smiles. Each flower is seemingly flawless, down to the tiniest detail. A perfectionist, Richards tilts the palm-size flowerbeds to get a better view of each petal she has created.

"Every minute detail shows in miniatures," says Richards, of Amherst, who is the director of Sweet Briar College's media services. "I've been involved in this since 1972. [But] my mother would have told you all my life," says Richards.

On her worktable sits the tiny, wooden carved birthday cake she was given as a child. She still has the miniatures that her mother and grandmother once had in their dollhouse collections. Enclosed in glass cases behind her worktable are the building blocks of her career as a miniaturist.

There are some of her first works, including a small scale of a Winnie-the-Pooh nursery, and one of her many works-in-progress, a wedding dress shop. Stacked yellowing issues of magazines reveal that she is not only talented, but respected; various specialty magazines have published photos of her creations and written about her work.

The world of miniatures is more than a hobby. One could call it an obsession. Creeping like ivy along the walls and onto the floor of her home workroom, Richards has spent more money than she will admit to on the tiny pieces she buys to create her miniatures.

On her days off, Richards may sit down in the morning, a cup of coffee at her side, and peer through one of her high-powered microscopes to begin painting and building tiny realms. When she looks up, it's often because darkness has already settled, and she has been lost in another world for 10 to 14 hours.

Richards, who builds everything from

dollhouses for children to play with to gardens, refers to herself as an artisan. While she loves the world of miniatures, what she finds most appealing are the details she adds to make her pieces distinctive.

"Anything I create has to have an animal in it, and since 9/11, everything will have a flag on it," says Richards, who has flying, pouncing and crawling pets in her home. Her firehouses have fireman poles, her homes have gardens and her conservatory will have stained glass.

"It's such a rewarding hobby," she says. There's "a satisfaction in that you can create something that's aesthetic to people and someone else."

Friends who know she creates miniatures are always eager to see what she is working on and sometimes she even teaches others how to create miniatures. But it isn't easy to do or teach. The scale she creates is so tiny that she uses a toothpick as her paintbrush.

"My friends can't believe that I can do some of the things that I can do," says Richards, who overcomes a tremor in her hand to make sure each painted piece is exact. "It takes incredible patience."

She has miniature rooms that she has been able to create out of paper and wood for as little as \$2 and then there are other rooms that reach into the tens of thousands of dollars in value. Today, dollhouses can be worth hundreds of thousands, with people requiring financing just to purchase the most desirable of them. But making money off her creations isn't her focus. "I'm real funny about my miniatures," says Richards. "I do it for my own satisfaction."

She is generous about sharing her passion for miniatures, however, and has offered her talents to the community. A miniature house she is currently building for a SBC student is part of a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity. She estimates she'll spend about 20 to 25 hours building the tiny pink and cream house that is 1/144 the size of a full-scale house. That includes the time she'll spend landscaping the front and sides of the house, which must have her signature flower gardens.

Yet it's an ideal pursuit for the woman that SBC's John Jaffe refers to as "energetic" and "meticulous." Jaffe, SBC's



Anne Richards '84

director of libraries and integrated learning resources, says he admires Richards' ability to connect with students and the work she does rallying for various causes — from Habitat to Christmas in April.

"She's just extremely kind," says Elisabeth Botea, a SBC campus technology lab coordinator who often finds Richards working overtime with students on the weekends to make sure they find the resources they need.

Although her work is seldom in the public eye, Richards has been lured into displaying her creations. This month, the Lynchburg Main Public Library was able to talk her into lending them her miniature library to display. The collection took her more than 300 hours to make.

Those who know her, goad her into showing them what she is working on and, at times, she teaches them how to build their own. "I want everyone to enjoy miniatures," says Richards.

(Editor's correction: Anne notes that she does not use a microscope but will occasionally use a magnifying glass.)

Anne Rowe Receives Citizen Salute

By Cathy Jett

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Anne Wilson Rowe of Fredericksburg has been awarded the Citizen Salute Award by the Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra.

The award, which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the community, was presented during last night's "Pops" concert at MWC's Dodd Auditorium.

The award was presented by Erma Baker and Elizabeth Thompson, co-chairs of the board of directors of the Friends of the Orchestra. The recipient selection was made by the Citizen Salute Committee of the Friends of the Orchestra.

Active in the Fredericksburg community, Rowe is a member and past president of the Ladies Memorial Association, the Rappahannock Garden Club and the Mary Washington Hospital Auxiliary, where she has logged more than 1,700 volunteer hours during the past 27 years and was instrumental in starting the Volunteer Office's knitting committee.

She also is a member of the Mary



Photo © Bachrach

Anne Rowe '57

Washington Hospital Foundation board, the Presbyterian Outlook Foundation and the board of directors of Sweet Briar College and is a member and officer of the Mary Washington Branch A.P.V.A.

Rowe has been a board member of the Fredericksburg Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region, the Fredericksburg School Board, the Fredericksburg Festival of the Arts,

Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Presbyterian Home and Family Services and The Garden Club of Virginia.

She is a founding director of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the Community Foundation, former Chairman and board member of the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, and has been a trustee and secretary of the Kenmore Association.

Rowe was born in Fredericksburg and graduated at the top of her class from James Monroe High School. After beginning her studies at Sweet Briar, she earned a bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College in 1957. She and her husband, Josiah P. Rowe III, publisher of *The Free Lance-Star*, have four children.

Editor's note: In addition to volunteer work in her local community, Anne has also been on the boards of Wilton (a House museum in Richmond) and Dumbarton House (a House museum in Washington). For Sweet Briar, she served on the Alumnae Association Board for five years prior to being elected in 1999 to represent the Alumnae Association on the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors. She has been fund agent, or co-fund agent, for the Class of 1957 for the last 10 years.

Gray Is ARIA's Newest Master Instructor

Two-time Olympian Lendon Gray, of Bedford, N.Y., is the latest master instructor to be named by the American Riding Instructors Association.

The ARIA began in 1984 with an objective of recognizing "outstanding teachers of horseback riding who instruct their students in a safe, knowledgeable manner." Master instructors have established a reputation that objectifies the founding principles of the ARIA: integrity, knowledge and safety.

Gray, 53, trains junior and adult amateur riders, both for competition and to increase their communication and enjoyment with their horses. Gray, who with a wide variety of horses has won more national championships than any other U.S. rider, is an examiner for the U.S. Dressage Federation's instructor certification program.

Other ARIA master instructors include George Morris, Michael Page, Denny Emerson, Jane Savoie, Sally Swift and Linda Tellington-Jones.



Lendon Gray '71

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Editor's note: Lendon is a 1971 graduate of SBC. In November 2002 she received yet another honor, the Equine Affaire Exceptional Equestrian Educator Award. Congratulations, Lendon!



Charlotte Heuer de Serio '57

Alumna Breaks New Ground at the Army War College Foundation

The second page of the Fall 2002 Army War College Foundation newsletter features a slight but significant change. Among the board members listed in a column next to the president's message—a list that primarily consists of colonels, major generals, and generals—is the name Mrs. Charlotte H. de Serio.

Mrs. de Serio is Sweet Briar's own Charlotte Heuer de Serio '57 and she is the first woman ever to serve on the AWC Foundations Board.

The War College's name belies its purpose. In the words of its founder, former Secretary of War and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elihu Root (1845-1937), the institution was established, "Not to promote war, but to preserve peace."

According to Charlotte, the War College serves as a graduate school dedicated to the professional development of both military officers and civilians. Her late husband Fran, a civilian in charge of quality assurance for the Department of Defense, graduated from the War College in 1972. He was appointed to attend by President Nixon.

During Fran's tenure with the AWC Foundation, Charlotte says, "There were some rumblings about adding a woman to the board." But she never expected that she would be the ground-breaker.

As a Sweet Briar student, Charlotte majored in government and served as president of the World Affairs Club. She was also a member of the Interclub Council and

Development Fund Committee.

As an alumna, she has been a gracious hostess for visitors from SBC through the years. She became an Alumna Representative for Admissions in New Jersey, where she lived for 22 years before returning to Philadelphia. She has worked for the Class of '57 as a fund agent and served on Reunion Gift Committees.

The Heuer Auditorium in Guion Science Center was endowed by Charlotte and named in memory of her parents. The facility was dedicated September 16, 1994 during the Campaign Celebration Recognition weekend on campus.

Downplaying her outstanding qualifications for the AWC Foundation appointment, Charlotte says, "I happened to be married to a great guy and I'm happy to finish out his term. I don't have a whole lot of expertise. But I'm a good listener and certainly received a great education at Sweet Briar. I do open my mouth when it comes to fund-raising and deciding how to disperse support."

While federal funding supports the core mission of the Army War College, there are constraints and limitations on its use. The AWF Foundation provides funds not available through appropriations, providing support for guest lecturers, international fellows, national security conferences, the library, and the Military History Institute.

Attending the Army War College is a major stepping stone toward promotion. "They've had women in the War College

for a long time," says Charlotte. "Not a whole lot but they've been here. Now they're trying to diversify the board. I expect when I finish they'll continue right along with that effort."

Mission Trip: Honduras

Lillian Sweeney and Dr. Barbara Hillyer Offer Medical Care

The following article by Lillian Sinks Sweeney '80 appeared in the newsletter of Lillian's church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA, in October 2002. Lillian and fellow church member Dr. Barbara Hillyer joined a nationwide team of volunteers with medical skills on a June 2002 ten-day mission to Honduras sponsored by the South American Ministries organization.

How does one describe a Mission Trip to others who were not there? It is a difficult prospect, and something I have thought a lot about since returning from Honduras, Central America. I believe the following sums it up pretty well: Think outside the box. Take yourself out of your comfortable life and leave things up to someone else. After all there is only so much you can control. It will all work out.

Destination: The village of Urutia, outside Tegucigalpa Honduras. After a team meeting to get everyone up to speed regarding the trip, we headed three hours away to the remote village of Urutia. Electricity was just installed this year and



Lillian Sweeney; Dr. Barbara Hillyer; friendly Honduras cow

worked on and off. We unloaded the massive quantities of personal and work-related items, and then set off for the clinic and to set up the pharmacy, which was housed in the Cholera house.

The following day after a short service in the clinic, we saw and treated patients of the village. We saw about 80 patients a day. The first three days were spent in Urutia.

We then moved our clinic and pharmacy to Il Portio, the next village up the road. We spent the day there treating women and children; the men would not come out of the fields. It had just rained and the soil was soft enough for them to work.

It took as long to walk to Il Portio as it did to drive. The roads, or rather, passage-ways, were awful.

The following day the entire troop headed two hours into the mountains to an Indian village. The residents would not come out of the mountains to see us, so we circled the wagons and went to them, after getting formal permission from the chief to go up there. The name of the tribe was the Tolopanés. They looked very different from the people of the valley. They were of Mayan descent.

At the end of the day, medications were left to stock their clinic with some basics in preparation for the colds and flu of the rainy season. The trip back down the mountain was as hairy as it was going up—forging five rivers and looking down many steep cliffs. We needed a chiropractor and a *cervesa* upon our return to Urutia!

Overall, I was surprised at the relatively good health of the people we saw. I was expecting worse. Their dental health was worse than their overall physical health. There were many mouths with rotten teeth that needed to be pulled. We were able to get some blood pressures and glucose levels down, heal some wounds, and alleviate a lot of aches and pains.

The people of Urutia were wonderful, very appreciative of our being there. They did everything they could to make us feel welcome. It is amazing that an unknown place with very few amenities and a lot of cow manure can become so comfortable so quickly. It was much more difficult than I had ever imagined to leave our little “home” in Honduras. The journey was far more spiritual and emotional than I would have expected. It is a tremendous feeling to

come together and work with 21 other strangers and have it be such a productive mission. I hope to go back.

Editor's note: Lillian is currently a full-time mother to son Taylor, age nine, but holds a nursing degree from Widener University in addition to her Sweet Briar degree, and has 20 years of nursing experience. Eager to volunteer her nursing skills, she found the mission trip such a spiritually rewarding experience that she hopes to repeat it in the future.

A former member of the Alumnae Association Board, Lillian says that her years at Sweet Briar have helped her to undertake challenges such as the trip to Honduras; she feels that the small residential environment, and the close relationships she was able to form at Sweet Briar gave her the ability and confidence to work with a great variety of people in any kind of situation. Her sociology professor, Catherine Seaman, was a particular inspiration to her.

Council for Independent Colleges Honors Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

Elizabeth Perkins Prothro of Wichita Falls, Texas, was honored with a major national Award for Philanthropy by the Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) at its annual President's Institute, January 6, in Naples, Florida. Previous recipients of the prestigious award include comedian Bill Cosby and his wife Camille. The award celebrates “those who by their example, provide a beacon for others to follow” with respect to their support to independent colleges and universities sharing the mission of the CIC.



Elizabeth Prothro

“You have unfailingly demonstrated the historical and literal definition of ‘philanthropy’ – ‘the love of humankind’ – through your giving, both in volunteer and financial support for higher education. Sweet Briar College has so much evidence of your love in this regard, and the College owes much of its excellence to the generosity and wisdom of you and your remarkable family.” said President Muhlenfeld, who represented Sweet Briar at the President's Institute.

Two facilities at Sweet Briar – the recently dedicated Prothro Hall in the new Student Commons complex and the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Natatorium – bear the Prothro name.

The CIC presented Elizabeth Prothro with a plaque which reads:

**AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY
2003**

**PRESENTED TO
ELIZABETH PERKINS PROTHRO**

You have been a true champion of private higher education. Your sustained support has immeasurably strengthened independent colleges and universities.

Your gifts have helped to institute important educational programs and build critical facilities, including campus centers, libraries, and research and medical centers. Your service on various higher education related boards and commissions has contributed to the vigor of private colleges and universities.

Recognizing that your philanthropy has had a demonstrably positive effect on our institutions, and that your generosity has been a model for others to emulate, the presidents of the nation's independent liberal arts colleges and universities proudly salute your outstanding record of accomplishment.



Ruth Todd celebrates # 103

Happy 103rd Birthday to Ruth Ulland Todd '22!

Ruth Ulland Todd of Cincinnati, Class of 1922 and one of the founders of the Sweet Briar Club of Cincinnati, celebrated her 103rd birthday on December 12, 2002 at a festive dinner party with all 35 members of her family, including her three children, eight grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Ruth's daughter, Elizabeth (Betty) Todd Landen '50, reports that Ruth is in great condition with her only complaint being a little hardness of hearing. She walks to all meals in her retirement home and keeps all the other residents amused.



Linda Stern accepts degree

Betty's late husband, Joseph Landen, served on Sweet Briar's Board of Overseers from 1974 to 1982. One of their daughters (Ruth's granddaughter) is Elizabeth (Libby) Landen Krone '81.

Congratulations from Sweet Briar, Ruth, and thanks for being an inspiration to us all!

Isaac Stern: A Musical Celebration

Violin Virtuoso Isaac Stern was honored posthumously with an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree, *honoris causa*, September 30, 2002 in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel. A visual representation of highlights of his brilliant career, narrated by SBC Professor of Music Rebecca McNutt, accompanied the presentation.

Mr. Stern's wife, Linda Reynolds Stern, Class of 1966, accepted the degree on behalf of her late husband. In accepting the degree in his honor, she reminded the audience that it was just one year to the day from her husband's funeral, and graciously added that she could not imagine a finer tribute to him.

Following the ceremony, the Fry Street Quartet, whom Stern mentored, performed the Josef Haydn Quartet, Op. 76, No. 5, and Professor McNutt joined the quartet on piano during a performance of the Robert Schumann Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major.

While on campus, Linda Stern was able to meet with students and to participate in a special panel with the Fry Street Quartet.

Isaac Stern is Sweet Briar's third recipient of an honorary doctorate.



The Fry Street Quartet with Professor McNutt at the piano



Joe Pendleton, *The Journey*, 2002, graphite and watercolor

Local Artist Displays His Creations at Sweet Briar College

An exhibit by local artist Joe Pendleton in Sweet Briar's Art Gallery couples a reverence for the beauty of the Sweet Briar and Amherst landscape with an understanding of their place in history.

This exhibit, titled "The Journey," documents Pendleton's exploration of his personal history in relation to his ancestry in Amherst and Africa, incorporating traditional African-American art and music. In a previous exhibit at Sweet Briar, his art spurred a further interest in slavery at Sweet Briar and in Amherst County.



Joe Pendleton

"[Art] is a good way to explore history," Pendleton said. "A lot of people would tell me they didn't want to talk about it. But after they came to check out the exhibit,

they changed their minds about it."

Pendleton's exhibit opened Thursday, Oct. 31, and ran through Friday, Dec. 13 in the Benedict Gallery.

Pendleton, a member of Sweet Briar's Housekeeping Department staff, studied art at Amherst County High School from Henry Pitsenbarger, who, Pendleton said, influenced him a great deal.

Prepared from write-up by Chasity Clarke '04 and from material first published in an article by Jennifer E. Crumby in the Amherst New Era Progress, Amherst, VA, November 26, 1998

Alumnae Colleges



Photo by Charles Grubbs

The group assembles on the first day. Back row, l-r: Mollie Johnson Nelson '64; Martha Mansfield Clement '48; Allen Huszti; Lynne Gardner Detmer '68; Aileen "Ninie" Laing '57; John Pegues; Betsy Muhlenfeld; Larry Wollan; Kitty Forbes; Linda DeVogt '86; William Krause; Bonnie Seitz '01; Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80. Front row, l-r: Ann MacDonald Carter '97; Carrington Brown Wise '76; Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57; Kathy Garcia Pegues '71; Mollie Archer Payne '58; Barbara Rose Page '83; John DeVogt; Ann DeVogt; Joan Lucy.

Alumnae, Parents, and Friends Gathered for Summer Alumnae College: "Opera: Musical, Political and Cultural Event" June 23-28, 2002

Enthusiastic participants in the second Alumnae College on campus, among them President Muhlenfeld and her husband, Larry Wollan, learned about opera from a variety of different perspectives: history, music composition, singer training, cultural symbolism, the orchestra, backstage production, and more.

SBC Professor of Music Allen Huszti, who teaches voice, organ, harpsichord and music history and who has performed with Opera Roanoke for 15 years singing leading roles, chaired the program.

Professor Huszti shared the lecture spotlight with SBC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Jonathan Green, associate professor of music and chair of the music department; McGill University Professor of Singing Carol Gutknecht, who shared anecdotes about her career as a performer ("A Diva Reminisces") and expanded on education, agents, auditions, and "life on the road"; and Executive Director of Opera Roanoke William

Krause, who explored the costs of funding and planning for opera productions.

A welcome dinner and study sessions took place at the Florence Elston Conference Center. Accommodations were at the comfortable Florence Elston

Inn adjoining the Center, with many after-hours get-togethers in its lounge. A festive farewell dinner at Sweet Briar House ended the weeklong program, which all agreed was "a wonderful experience."

Featured sessions included:

"What Is This Thing Called Opera?"—Allen Huszti

"Behind the (administrative) Scenes at Opera Roanoke"—Dr. William Krause

Tour of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and cocktails and dinner with the artists in residence

"Desire, Death and Disease"—Allen Huszti

"A Composer Looks at Opera"—Jonathan Green

"An Afternoon of Dying and Madness" (Videotapes)—Allen Huszti

"Something in a Lighter Vein—Opera Buffa"—Allen Huszti

"Are Women Victims?—Abuse in Opera"—Allen Huszti

"A Diva Reminisces"—Carol Gutknecht

"Divas Compared": Videotapes of Opera Scenes—Allen Huszti

Dinner and performance of outdoor musical play, *Fair and Tender Ladies*, Lexington, VA

"Training Opera Singers"—Carol Gutknecht

"The Evolution of the Opera Orchestra"—Jonathan Green

"Leitmotif and Symbolism in Opera": CDs and Videotapes—Allen Huszti

Alumnae College 2003:**"The Rivalry That Shaped America"****April 11-13 and June 22-27**

Chaired by Dr. Stephen Bragaw, associate professor of government and associate director of Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal

Imagine the floor of the House of Representatives...bitterly divided. Following little-understood precedent, the delegates are faced with the challenge of ending a deadlocked tie between two presidential candidates and they alone must choose a victor. Without a new president, America sits anxiously at a political impasse, with the inauguration just weeks away. Taking advantage of this crisis, European powers jockey to push the Americans off the world stage, while radical Middle Eastern powers seize the opportunity to attack American ships and violently kidnap innocent American citizens abroad.

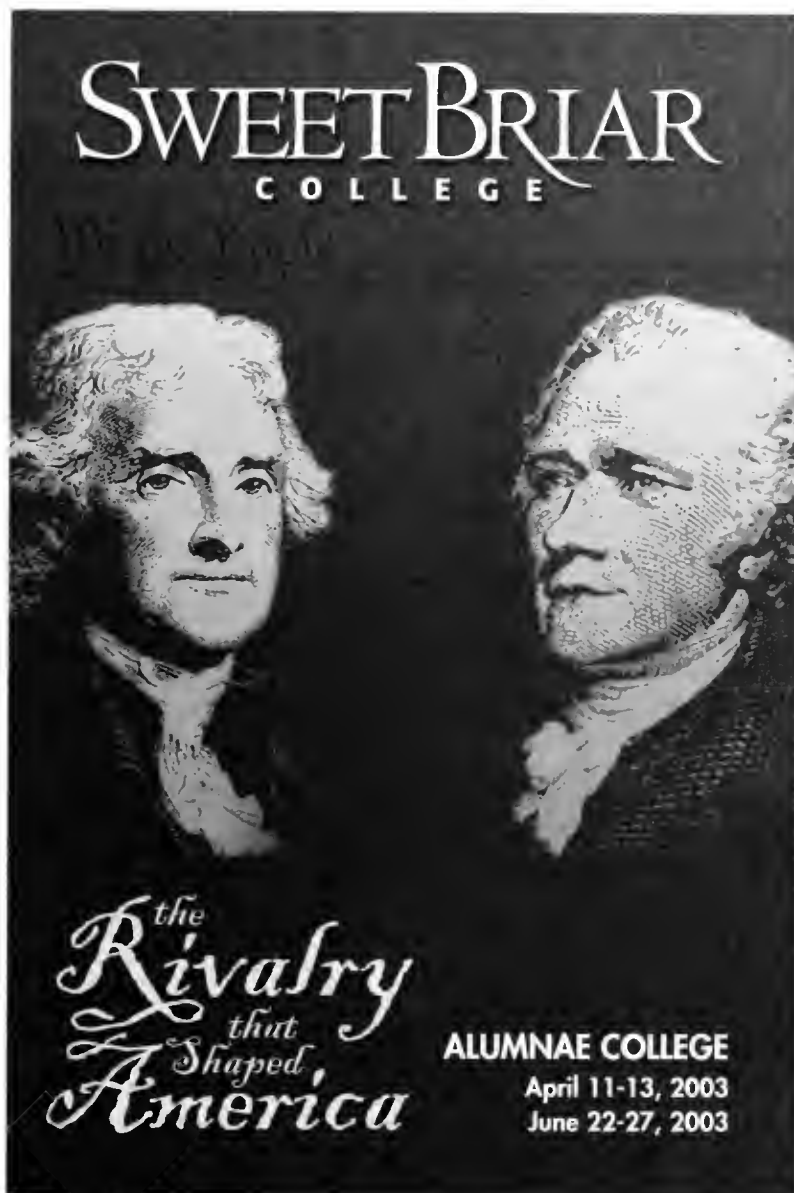
Shift the scene to New York City, where we find our first candidate: a direct product of the New York political machine, he is a devastatingly handsome socialite, and extremely wealthy. Backslapping and offering promises, making as many deals as possible, he tries to orchestrate enough support in Congress to win himself the presidency.

Shift once more to Richmond, Virginia, where we meet our second candidate: the former governor of Virginia, aloof, cold, and inscrutable even to his closest friends. Believing in his heart that he is the true champion of the election, he steadfastly refuses the help of political aides who desperately try to make covert deals in his favor. His candidacy for the White House was made certain by the political demise of his chief rival: an affluent Wall Street lawyer at the top of the financial world, forced from politics by a media campaign exposing his illicit sexual escapades and alleged financial chicanery—a media campaign the lawyer knew had been secretly crafted and financed by his cunning rival in Virginia. Embittered, the lawyer stands publicly neutral about the election.

But late one curious night, our disgraced Wall Street lawyer—now owner and editor of the *New York Post*—suddenly has a change of heart. He writes an edito-

rial for his newspaper that calls on his supporters and congressional allies to vote, not for the wealthy socialite but for the aloof Southern patrician—the same man who ousted him from political life.

Back in Washington, D. C., the lawyer's strongest followers in Congress reluctantly obey his wishes. The votes are counted, and the Virginian is sworn into the presidency. But the lawyer's actions do not come without a price. Within a short time after the editorial is published, he is shot in the stomach and left to die in a field in New Jersey by the wealthy socialite—the very man to whom the presidency was denied. Meanwhile, the new president, promising that America will be healed, deploys the Marine Corps and the Navy to destroy the Middle Eastern terrorists.



Welcome to the world of
Thomas Jefferson,
Alexander Hamilton and
"The Rivalry
That Shaped America."

Please join us on campus for this evocative and intellectually thrilling Alumnae College—either for a special weekend Alumnae College Seminar April 11-13 or a weeklong session June 22-27. Space is limited—we are receiving reservations for both programs, so reserve your place soon!

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What began on a rainy, dark Thursday evening evolved into a beautiful, memorable weekend for 18 members of our class and three congenial husbands (no—make that 19 classmates, two husbands, since my Walter is an Honorary Member of the class!).

In our assigned gathering place, the Beemer Lounge (part of the Florence Elston Inn/Conference Center where we were housed), we joyously and noisily greeted each other. Judy Baldwin Waxter and Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro stayed in Garden Cottage, but sprinted through the windy precipitation to join us, dripping wet and glowing with health and excitement. The others were Preston Hodges Hill, Katie Cox Reynolds, Sallie Legg deMartine, Patti Levi Barnett, Pat Brown Boyer, Judy Easley Mak, Libby Trueheart Harris, Betty Wellford Bennett, Carolyn Cannady Evans, Mary Fran Brown Ballard, Mary Louis Stevens Webb, Alice Trout Hagan, Patsy Davin Robinson, Jean Taylor, Ann Eustis Weimer, and yours truly. The husbands: Walter Brown, Don Ballard and Dayton Mak.

We found our way through the confusing maze of new construction to the Student Commons dining areas and carried trays to our special tables. The whole arrangement is very different than in our day, but suits what today's students want. Eventually, the Book Shop, a cafe, the post office and other facilities will be here, just around the corner from 1949's Courtyard with classmate Ann Bannard's beautiful sculpture, *Giving Us Wings*. That area is an integral part of the new Student Commons complex.

During the weekend we had a few scheduled events. Friday morning, President Muhlenfeld treated us to a talk on Mary Boykin Chesnut (author of *A Diary from Dixie*; Mary Chesnut's Civil War); Betsy is the acknowledged expert on Mary Chesnut. At lunch, Betsy brought us up to date on "The State of the College."



Mini Reunion for 1949

Back Row: Walter Brown; Sallie Legg De Martine; Patty Levi Barnett; Katie Cox Reynolds; Preston Hodges Hill; Dayton Mak; Judy Easley Mak; Judy Baldwin Waxter; Alice Trout Hagan; Betty Wellford Bennett; Don Ballard; Ann Marshall Whitley '47. **Middle Row:** Patsy Davin Robinson; Mary Fran Brown Ballard; Mary Louis Stevens Webb; Libby Trueheart Harris; Ann Eustis Weimer; Bunny Barnett Brown. **Seated on Floor:** Pat Brown Boyer; Carolyn Cannady Evans; Jean Taylor; Margaret Cromwell Taliaferro.

The Class of 1949 Comes BACK TO THE PATCH Mini Reunion! October 10-13, 2002

By Catherine (Bunny) Barnett Brown '49

Then Dr. David Orvos, associate professor, environmental sciences and chair of the new Department of Environmental Studies made possible by a grant from Judy and Bill Waxter, offered a fascinating slide presentation on "The Beauty of the Earth" and the problems Earth faces.

Friday afternoon we attended a lovely service of remembrance in the Chapel, honoring Helen McMahon '23. This was special for us: Helen Mac remained our



Seated in 1949's Courtyard with *Giving Us Wings*: Don Ballard; Walter Brown.

close friend through all the years, welcoming and entertaining '49ers whenever we were on campus.

The Friday night picnic planned for the Boat House was held instead at the Florence Elston Conference Center, due to inclement weather and treacherous, slippery paths. We did not want any slip-slidin' around for these brittle bones! After a nice meal and photo session (with Vice President for Development and College Relations Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko and husband Ed doing the honors with several cameras), there was a round of applause for Flip Eustis Weimer for her excellent planning and organizing.

In the hallway just outside we encountered a group of 30-some German teachers who were on campus for a "German Immersion" weekend under the auspices of SBC Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures Ron Horwege. They were having a folk dance session, which we enjoyed watching.

It's fun to see some of the varied events always going on at Sweet Briar.

Saturday morning Ann Marshall Whitley '47, recently retired director of the SBC Museum, told us all about the ghosts that haunt the campus, Daisy Williams and her mother, Indiana Fletcher Williams. After lunch, many of our group drove to Lynchburg to see Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's summer retreat. Others opted to watch the UVA-Clemson football game and UVA's freshman punter, Tom Hagan, Alice's grandson.

Director of the Alumnae Association Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80 and husband Scott entertained us in their home with a beautiful, seated Farewell Dinner. Louise is a gifted cook and gracious hostess. Scott served as genial host and maitre d'.

We really hated to say goodnight and good-bye, though some of us had Sunday morning breakfast together. We decided we might do this again in a year...despite the fact that we will be due for a regular Reunion in the spring of 2004!

Retirees

Fondest Farewells to Three Retirees, June 2002



Skipper Fitts: "Mr. SBC Book Shop"

Roscoe (Skipper) Fitts Retires

Roscoe Fitts retired from the Book Shop at Sweet Briar College in May 2002. After 29 years as manager, he was known affectionately as "Mr. SBC Book Shop."

Under Skipper's reign, the Book Shop saw tremendous growth. It was enlarged in 1979 and again in 1993 when a new addition provided space not only for merchandise but also for a clothing boutique and the Boxwood Café, an inviting spot which is occasionally used for readings and which draws students, faculty, staff and drop-in visitors throughout the day.

The Book Shop is self-sustaining; it pays for its own improvements out of working capital and profits go toward student scholarships. Understandably proud of the Book Shop's success, Skipper attributed it to the fact that it is much more than a textbook/supply store. "It offers lots more in terms of service, merchandise, and ambience than most college bookstores," he said in 1994, adding that "Textbook sales are less than 20 percent of total sales." The other 80 percent is a combination of clothes, computers, cosmetics, gifts of every sort, greeting cards, jewelry, SBC items, tapes and cassettes.

trade books and paperbacks (any they don't have in stock they will order for you). Skipper introduced such a variety of merchandise that longtime staff member Dorothy Sales (who retired in 1994) once quipped, "...we've got everything but secondhand cars, and after Christmas I reckon we'll have those too."

Skipper was very active in the Virginia College Store Association serving as its president for two terms.

In retirement, Skipper and his wife Brenda, a former nurse in Sweet Briar's health center, enjoy spending time with their children, son Roscoe Fitts III and daughter Karen Fitts Swisher, her husband Kinney and their two children, Hal and Nina. The Fitts household includes six pets—one collie, five cats!

Au Revoir, Skipper

By Mike Richards

Hattie Mae Sanford Professor of History

It's a shock to see that Skipper Fitts was manager of the Book Shop for 29 years. Have we known each other that long?

There are lots of ways in which I know Skipper, but an enduring one is through books. It seemed that every time I came over to the Book Shop, Skipper would emerge from his office to talk with me about a book he was reading or to point out a book that he thought I would enjoy reading. Skipper was in many ways the ideal colleague, someone I could count on for an engaging conversation about books and bookstores. There were other conversations, of course, authors we would like to have come to campus, trends in the textbook publishing world, what our children (who had gone to school together) were up to, and, of course, the ups and downs of the Boston Red Sox.

Every year as my birthday and Christmas rolled around, I knew Skipper would advise my wife on buying a book for me. Sometimes he and I talked about likely books, but I could trust Skipper to make a good selection without my prompting. He not only knew books, he knew what people coming into the Book

Shop liked to read.

Skipper and I still have our conversations about books, children, and the Red Sox. Soon they will be in the new Book Shop under its new and very capable manager, Terri Schutte. A little of the old era into the new era.

Mary Anne Wilson '57 Retires

Mary Anne Wilson retired from Sweet Briar College in July 2002, having been the director of Sweet Briar's Junior Year in Spain since 1987. Well-known for her wit and wisdom, Mary Anne's keen sense of humor also has enlivened the Sweet Briar community, as well as the Junior Year in Spain (JYS).

As JYS director both at Sweet Briar and in Seville, she divided her time between the two places. Under her direction, the program, modeled on Sweet Briar's renowned Junior Year in France, has developed its own national and international reputation. Numbers increased dramatically from eight participants in 1987, to between 85 to 100 in recent years. In the fall of 1987, 29 colleges and universities were affiliated with the JYS; by fall 2002, that number had risen to 113. The office staff in Seville grew from one part-time secretary/assistant to a full-time Resident Coordinator with one full-time and one part-time assistant. The budget deficit existing in 1987 has long since disappeared. In its place are healthy annual operating budgets and a growing endowment fund.

A Sweet Briar graduate, Phi Beta



Mary Anne and daughter Laura, in Madrid



Ann and daughter Cindy '78 with Ann's senior photo in the 1947 Briar Patch

Kappa, Mary Anne studied with the College's Junior Year in France and earned her degree in international affairs in 1957. She was an outstanding student who won Freshman Honors, was on the Dean's list, was an Emilie Watts McVea Scholar, and was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She was a member of the Judicial Board, served as a house president, and was a member of QV, Aints and Asses, and Tau Phi.

After a year as a reporter for the *Chattanooga Times*, Mary Anne earned an M.A. in history from Columbia University, then studied at the University of Madrid. She taught at the American School in Madrid and later at that city's Instituto Estudio. Before returning to Sweet Briar, Mary Anne worked in Chicago, gaining extensive experience in alumni and development work at the University of Chicago, and also in hospital fund-raising and public relations.

Always a strong supporter of her alma mater, Mary Anne is a member of Sweet Briar's Williams Associates, having named the College as a beneficiary in her will.

Mary Anne looks forward to spending more time with her family: daughter Laura Malefakis Prado, her husband

Miguel and sons Alejandro and Jacobo in Madrid; and in Chicago with her son Michael Malefakis, his wife Kathleen and their son Colin and daughter Ayla.

We are happy that Mary Anne continues to live in her house on campus this year; future plans may include an eventual move to Spain to be near her daughter's family.

Ann Marshall Whitley '47

After 26 busy years, Ann has "retired" to her home in Amherst County. By all appearances, she is busier than ever—and reports that retirement is "grand." During a party in her honor at the Sweet Briar Museum, the Alumnae Association Board presented her with a Resolution expressing thanks for her many contributions to life at Sweet Briar College.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 20, 2002, acknowledges with deep gratitude the many contributions that Ann Marshall Whitley, Class of 1947, has made to Sweet Briar College. Ann's is a Sweet Briar family: her mother, the late Edith Durrell Marshall '21 and Ann's two

daughters, Libby '75 and Cindy '78, are also graduates.

Since graduation, Ann has served as class secretary; class president; president of the Washington, D. C. Alumnae Club; AAR; member of the Golden Stairs Committee; chair of 1947's Reunion Gifts Committee for 20th and 25th Reunions; frequent writer/illustrator for the *Alumnae Magazine*; contributing editor to the 1976 75th Anniversary *Alumnae Magazine*; and contributor to the 2001 Centennial Issue. In 1981, she received the Outstanding Alumna Award and in 1982 gave the Founders' Day Convocation address.

Described as "energetic," "indefatigable," "enthusiastic," "dedicated," she has displayed all of these characteristics since her return to the campus in 1976, when she began to create, little by little, piece by piece, item by item, a lasting legacy for her college: the Sweet Briar Museum. Ann's knowledge of Sweet Briar history is encyclopedic; she brought this history to life in the Museum. Her natural curiosity and museum curator's eye led her to find historical treasures in Sweet Briar's attics, cellars, dormitories, library archives, odd storage areas, and even *underground*. Her growing Museum collections inspired alumnae to send memorabilia. She has written three booklets (*Daisy Williams of Sweet Briar*, *Indiana Fletcher Williams of Sweet Briar*, *Ghost Stories and Mysteries of Sweet Briar*) and published *Elijah Fletcher, Vermont Schoolmaster to Virginia Planter*, by Martha von Briesen '31. She is the star narrator of a video, "Sweet Briar Museum: The Founder's Story."

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express profound thanks to Ann, as she retires in June 2002. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

Here's To The House That Ann Built!

Diane Dalton '67
President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

In Memoriam



Bruce Bredin

J. Bruce Bredin 1914-2002

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mr. J. Bruce Bredin of Wilmington, Delaware on November 12th at the Bredin's winter home in Delray Beach, Florida.

He was the husband of Octavia M. duPont, and father of Stephanie Bredin Speakman '68, Margaretta Bredin Brokaw '70, Alletta Bredin-Bell '74, Antonia Bredin Massie '77, Laura Bredin, and Jonathan Bredin. His granddaughter, Octavia Hyland Jones, is also an alumna of Sweet Briar's Class of 1996.

Mr. Bredin served on the College's Boards of Directors and Overseers for 11 years, and as chairman from 1978-1980. During his board service at Sweet Briar, he was an important voice and wise counselor on numerous committees including the Development, Buildings and Grounds, Investments and Finance, and Executive Committees. His many contributions to the College include philanthropic support of the College's library, swimming facility, riding center, endowment for the humanities, Parents' Fund, and many gifts-in-kind. Mr. Bredin was a life member of the Friends of Library and served as an honorary member of the College's

Centennial Commission.

During Sweet Briar's October 2002 Campaign Announcement Weekend, he was inducted into Sweet Briar's new Keystone Society (membership reflecting a lifetime commitment to the College of \$1 million or more).

A real estate executive, Mr. Bredin was the president of Bredin Realty and director of the Wilmington Trust Company in Wilmington, Delaware. He was also president of the Bredin Foundation, which supports secondary education, hospitals, churches, historical preservation, community improvement, and the fine arts. He was a committed leader in countless community, regional, national, and international organizations, many tied to education, libraries, and the arts.

A private service was held in Delaware on November 19th. Memorial contributions may be made to Sweet Briar College, Box C, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Photo from 1977 Briar Patch



Lysbeth Muncy

Dr. Lysbeth W. Muncy Charles A. Dana Professor of History Emerita

With great sorrow, we report the death of Dr. Lysbeth W. Muncy, age 92. She died in Providence, Rhode Island on January 18th, 2003.

"Miss Muncy" was a professor of history at Sweet Briar from 1943-1975 when she received the Excellence in Teaching Award and was named Charles A. Dana Professor of History. She also served the College as assistant dean for four years.

She was educated at Lincoln School, Vassar College (B.A.), and Brown University (M.A. and Ph.D.), and was an instructor at Mount Holyoke College for two years. Her lifelong research concentrated on late 19th- and early 20th-century German political and social history. At her retirement, she returned to Providence and taught both European and American history at Brown University, and also was a visiting professor at SBC in 1977 and 1979.

Miss Muncy was an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union, the League of Women Voters, Phi Beta Kappa, the American Southern and Virginia Historical Associations, the Conference on British Studies, the American Association of University Women (recipient of the Alice Freeman Palmer Fellowship) and the German Federation of University Women (awarded the Agnes von Zahn-Harnack Fellowship).

She is survived by her niece Ann May Muncy and nephew William H. Munch of East Providence, and a godson, Kord Roosen-Runge of Whidbey Island, Washington. Donations may be sent to the Lysbeth W. Muncy Scholarship Fund (established in 1976), Box G, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar VA 24595.

Lysbeth's warmth, kindness, and genuine interest in their lives were enjoyed by generations of Sweet Briar faculty, students, and alumnae.

Rosam quae meruit ferat.

Recent Deaths

1923	Helen McMahon Miss Helen McMahon August 6, 2002	1944	Mildred Brenizer Mrs. Edwin F. Lucas Jr. August 20, 2002	1953	Ann Leonard Mrs. Leland A. Hodges, Jr. August 22, 2002
1928	Julia Thomas Mrs. Julia T. Burleigh September 11, 2002	1944	Barbara Duncombe Mrs. Lauren E. Stolp September 2, 2002	1956	Edith Anne Edgerton Mrs. Richard F. Mills October 7, 2002
1932	Amalie Frank Mrs. George M. Kohn, Jr. October 12, 2001	1946	Mary Holland Mrs. W. Reade Hardin, Jr. June 29, 2001	1962	Katherine Vickery Mrs. Maurice Stockton, Jr. October 13, 2002
1934	Satilla Franklin Mrs. William E. Means July 14, 2002	1947	Julia Holt Mrs. George L. Coyle Jr. September 2, 2002	1963	Barbara Noojin Mrs. Lee Walthall June 30, 2002
1934	Anne "Nan" Russell Mrs. Anne Russell Carter August 10, 2002	1948	Jenny Bell Bechtel Mrs. William H. Whyte September 1, 2002	1971	Carolyn Rusch Mrs. David von Endt August 29, 2002
1935	Annette Morris Mrs. C. Rogers Hall, Jr. October 16, 2001	1950	Deborah Freeman Mrs. E. Newbold Cooper Jr. June 14, 2002	1976	Wendy Bursnall Ms. Wendy B. Wozniak October 11, 2002
1941	Helen Carmine Mrs. John H. Barber March 2002	1951	Joan Motter Mrs. George L. Andersen July 23, 2002	1982	Elizabeth Laubach Mrs. Elizabeth Laubach Claflin August 18, 2002
1942	Margaret Preston Mrs. Margaret Preston Moore September 2002	1953	Drasia Featherman Miss Drasia Featherman September 1984		

Letters and E-mails

Strategic Planning Update [Fall '02]

Hi Ladies! Great issue—good to read about strategic planning when you aren't the one doing the work—and lots of other good articles—hard to believe the next reunion will be mine!!!

—Allie Stemmons Simon '63

Extra Copies

I just received the beautiful alumnae magazine [Fall 2002]. My daughter is mentioned in an article regarding her research through your chemistry dept (Emma Kate Payne '03). Would it be possible to get a couple of extra copies of

that publication for her grandparents? Thank you.

—Emilil Dunbar

Helen Mac

Mona Wilson Beard and I had both looked forward to an outing back to Sweet Briar today to attend the memorial service for Helen Mac. However, when we woke up to very heavy fog and rain, we decided...that driving conditions prevented our trip.

Helen Mac and Dan [Boone] both had a special spot in my heart—they were both truly special women! They went out of their way to make me feel welcome as

a freshman arriving at S.B. knowing only one upperclassman and having heard their names from my mother who had been a classmate of Dan's. I also spent a very happy summer at Camp Glen Laurel as a counselor. I'm with you in spirit today!

—Georgia Dreisbach Kegley '51

Better and better

I loved your last Alumnae Magazine [Fall 02]. I do not see how it keeps getting better and better.

—Anne Melton '57

Need to wear my SBC shirt more

...I am the Media Specialist at Lely High School in Naples, Florida. I am developing a College Information Center in the library. Need SBC's catalog, poster or pennant and a video or CD tour of the campus. Just finished reading "The Sweet Briar Experience" in the alum magazine [Fall '02], and I realized that I need to wear my SBC shirt more as well as get information out about my alma mater. Thank you for your assistance.

—Mary Elizabeth Connor Hamlin '75

Miss getting Sweet Briar Magazine

My daughter Anne Ortengren is a graduate of SBC Class of '01 who is now working in New York City. I miss getting her Sweet Briar Magazine (actually I'm not even sure she's getting it), but I was wondering if you could include us on your mailing lists.

I must admit, I also have another motive. I am the publications director for Westminster School, a private boarding school in Simsbury, CT, and would like to show the magazine to other members of our faculty. I like many of the new changes that you have done and am in the midst of many of the same things myself. By the way, the architect for many of your new buildings is Graham Gund, who is a graduate of Westminster School and is designing and building several new buildings for us, too!...Thanks and keep up the good work!

—Jeuley Ortengren

Outstanding Alumna Awardees: Elizabeth Bond Wood '34; Ann Morrison Reams '42

This [celebration] is what I came for [to Alumnae Council 2002] because these are the two with whom I worked [as a former Alumnae Association Board member]. I'm so glad, you honored them.

—Tabb Thornton Farinholt '59

It was extremely touching to learn about all that these two women have accomplished.

—Brooke Tucker '02

Thanks for putting the magazine online

This note is just to say "Thanks for putting the magazine online." I needed to reference a few articles in it (Betsy Muhlenfeld's message and the article focusing on Steve Stahl's support of the learning community at SBC). I could not find my hard copy of the recent edition and remembered it is online.

This issue about goals related to the intellectual community at SBC really spoke to me. Thanks!

—Jeannette Pillsbury '72

Saddened

Having just received the SBC Alumnae Magazine, of course I'm saddened by the death of Helen Mac. Wouldn't you know she would live to be 100?! Since I graduated in '43 I, and many, many others knew her well. For years we exchanged Christmas cards. She is one of SBC's most devoted and loyal alums. Also one of the loveliest in spirit—very close to so many students as they graduated. I can think of many things she did, in such a humble way. Am enclosing a [gift] for the SBC Museum, in her memory.

—Nancy "Ping" Drake '43

One of the highlights of my life

What a tremendous honor to be named a recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award! How can I express my sense of awe and appreciation to those who honored me in such a way. When I reviewed the names of those truly remarkable women from previous years, I was deeply moved and humbled. All I can say is "thank you from the bottom of my heart."

And what a glorious presentation it was! Some of my family and several classmates, as well as so many other people I have known and loved through the years were there. I have also received lovely notes from so many others. This was truly one of the highlights of my life, and I want everybody to know how much I treasure this very special recognition. Much love to all,

—Ann Morrison Reams '42

Questionnaire too detailed

The Alumnae Bulletin questionnaire is too dauntingly detailed. Like other alumnae, I suspect, I find some parts more interesting than others—not always the same for each issue.

—Rebecca Faxon Knowles '55

SBC influenced my love of land

Hello SBC. I am proud to be an alum, and just advised a colleague who is applying for a teaching job how much SBC influenced my love of land, as my work as creative writer and critic is "literature of place"...

—Susan Schmidt '71

Particularly enjoyed the Fall issue

While I always look forward to every issue of the Alumnae Magazine, I particularly enjoyed the Fall 2002 issue. I escaped during a recent evening of "Monday Night Football" (recall my "five boys"—four sons + husband) for a mini-retreat reading every page. This issue included my class reunion photos, Nannette's wonderful acceptance speech, the tribute to Harold Whiteman (president during my student years), Mary Abrams' Strategic Plan Update and "It takes a College" with my photo! Whew.

The magazine reflects so many generations and so much planning for the future. My heartfelt thanks for the continued hard work of you and your staff.

—Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77

Bulletin Board

Attention, Alumnae Authors!

If you have a book currently in print, please let us know. We would like to feature alumnae books in the new Sweet Briar Book Shop opening soon on the ground level of the new Student Commons.

Please send details (author, title, publication details, and a photo of the book cover for display) to: Editor, Sweet Briar Alumnae House, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. E-mail: sbcmagazine@sbc.edu. We should also greatly appreciate a copy of your book for the College Library. Thank you!

New Sweet Briar Alumnae Directory Scheduled

The new SBC Alumnae Directory, scheduled for release in November 2003, will be a comprehensive volume including current name, address and phone number, academic data, and business information (if applicable).

The Alumnae Office has contracted the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce the directory. Soon Harris will begin researching and compiling information by mailing and/or e-mailing a questionnaire to each alumna. **If you prefer not to be listed, please contact the Alumnae Office in writing as soon as possible (P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595).**

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by Harris. At a later point in the project, you will be contacted by Harris directly to verify that your personal data is absolutely correct.

Please be sure to complete and return your directory questionnaire before the deadline indicated.

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Go to <http://www.giving.sbc.edu> and click on "Honor Roll" to view the 2001-2002 edition.

If you do not have Internet access and would like a hard copy of the Honor Roll of Donors, please contact the Office of Development toll-free: 888-846-5722.

Alumnae with media contacts: please check in!

The SBC Office of College Relations is interested in creating a contact list of alum-

nae who either work on the editorial side of the media or who have strong media contacts in their areas. Please e-mail Greg Moody, coordinator of media relations: gmoody@sbc.edu

Sweet Briar NetLetter

Want to keep up with the latest news and upcoming events at SBC? The Sweet Briar NetLetter is published periodically and distributed via e-mail. To subscribe, go to <http://www.sbcnews.sbc.edu/netletter/> and click the subscribe box in the left column.

Register a Prospective Student Online!

Know a bright young woman you'd like to see at SBC? Register her with Admissions! Go to: <http://www.sbc.edu/woman/> and complete the information form. It's that easy!

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The Centennial issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* is available with a laminated cover.

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Please Give Us Your Updated Contact Information:

(Name, address, e-mail address, job information). Phone: 434-381-6131; fax: 434-381-6132; e-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu or write Alumnae Office, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595



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Class Notes

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620 Ridgewood Drive
West Lafayette IN 47906-2367

1930

Miss Elizabeth Gorsline
114 North Horvie Street
Richmond VA 23220-4610

1932

Mrs. James W. Flynn (Virginia Squibb)
Evergreen Woods
88 Notch Hill Rd. Apt. 332
North Branford CT 06471

1934

Mrs. W. F. Stohlman
(Martha Lou Lemmon)
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd
D-212 Pennswood Village
Newtown PA 18940-2401

1935

Mrs. W. Burke Davis, Jr.
(Juliet Holliburton)
4100 Well Spring Dr. No. 2305
Greensboro, NC 27410

1936

Mrs. Franklin P. Parker
(Katharine Niles)
Send news to daughter, Mrs. Anne P.
Schmalz
22 Ashland Street
Dorchester MA 02122

My mother, Katharine Niles Parker, has enjoyed hearing from her classmates, and she and I are writing up these notes. She is recuperating from a 2nd right knee replacement, so will not be able to attend the family reunion of her children, 14 grand, and 18 great-grandchildren in early August. She and my father are both residents of the Skilled Nursing Facility at North Hill, in Needham, MA. Sophia Campbell Brown still lives on the farm and drives the car locally, and does crochet for the Alumnae Quilt. She laments the changes on Old Stage Road.

Capel Grimes Gerlach writes from CA that she remains healthy and happy and in her own home of 43 years. She plays lots of bridge, duplicate and regular, and keeps up with the museums. She sends her greetings to all.

Elizabeth Morton Forsyth—Lib—sent a long note full of news about "Miriam's House" in Lynchburg. The homeless mothers there are making

new lives for themselves, and this gives her great pleasure, as well as the success of "Elizabeth's Early Learning Center". She is still hoping to write a book about the founding of both, but sounds too busy!

Elizabeth Pinkerton—"Pinkie"—Scott writes that she was on campus and was impressed with the new buildings as well as the Columbarium on Monument Hill. She is not so pleased with the huge new Lynchburg bypass that is being built just outside the gates of the college.

Polly Rich Ewing took one more trip to England with the New England Genealogical Historical Society this May and did the Lake District in depth. There was a nice group of friends on the trip.

Margaret Smith—"Smitty"—Thomasson has a granddaughter named for her who was recently married and now lives in Tennessee. They went to visit the new bride and groom, and while there had lunch with Arne Susong Jones, her husband and some of their family. A grandson is in the Coast Guard and with the Honor Guard in Arlington, VA.

Lillian Steele Cook writes from Sarasota, to which she moved from NY state. She lives in a place called "The Fountains", and says it is a lot like living on a cruise ship! She gets around on a scooter and enjoys many activities as well as smoking children's dresses and nightgowns for adults.

Marjorie Wing Todd says she is enjoying life now after a year of 'upsets'. It is nice that, as she says, 'things have smoothed out'.

My mother sends her best wishes to you all—bless you for still keeping memories of SBC and each other alive after 66 years!—Anne Parker Schmalz '62.

1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr.,
(Frances Bailey)
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington VA 24450-1905

1939

Mrs. Richard A. Michaux
(Julia Gray Saunders)
1600 Westbrook Ave, No. 425
Richmond VA 23227

A big thank you to each of you who responded to my card! Eighteen of you responded, which prompted me to do a little checking. There are 66 of us '39ers, and I think we can do better. I beseech you to get in touch before the next notes deadline of

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your class secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '03	February 15, 2003
Winter '04	July 15, 2003
Spring '04	October 15, 2003

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!

Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

Feb. 15.

Kitty Lawder Stephenson writes that she still lives in Greenville, SC, where she gardens, does a 'bit of church work', and visits shut-ins. She feels lucky to have her three children live in Greenville also. Her big news, however, is a new great grandchild.

Jane Holden Walker recently returned from a trip to Belgium and the Netherlands. High points were: the Floriade, held once every 10 years, Keukendorf—as beautiful as ever, and traveling the canals by riverboat. Jane has been living at "Carlsbad by the Sea" for 4 years—truly a seaside resort with an ideal climate. One grandson is on a year's surfing adventure with two friends traveling around the world. When completed in September, he is going to Oxford for a master's degree. Another grandson just received his M.B.A. from USC.

Ellie George Frampton reports that all is well at Westminster-Canterbury in Charlottesville. Her first grandson was christened in June at Keswick with a big family gathering. Ellie says she's "in pretty good shape and working hard to keep that way".

A brief note from Elizabeth Perkins Prothro who reports on her growing family: Four children who have 10 grandchildren who have 12 great grandchildren with another on the way!

Jean Black Jennings just returned

from a two-week trip to China with the WWF group. "So of course we spent a couple of days with the pandas." She feels that while the cities are modern and the country beautiful, the village people are quite sad looking. Jean still plays tennis and does volunteer work.

A note from Patty Baiz Vincent who reports that Augusta Saul Farrier is still making progress in her recovery from a stroke. A note from Augusta confirms that good news, and I know that all 39-ers join me in wishing her continued progress.

Lucy Gordan Jeffers' trip to England in October 2001 was cancelled. However, she is going to Wales this October with the American Friends of the Georgian Group—the American affiliate of the English Georgians, dedicated to the restoration of Georgian architecture.

From the Alumnae Office comes the sad news that Ann Parks died June 21 in Norfolk, VA. Ann's name will be listed in the Alumnae Magazine, and her name will be read at the Alumnae Memorial Service in the Spring. We send our deep sympathy to Ann's family.

Kay Porter Reed is still playing nine holes of golf each week and bridge more often. Kay has 2 great grandchildren, and a son who will be 60 in May.

Henri Minor Hart loves Colorado, but likes to get back to North Carolina

as often as possible. Big news is her "#1 great grandson". She, Gracey, Lillian and Lottie still try to get together and are working on a reunion this fall.

Eleanor Claffin's husband, Tom Williams died last October. She writes "the big news" that she recently married William (Bill) Ladd. "It is all so nice because he was a good friend of Tom's—in fact his roommate in the old days at Harvard." Claffy is still at the same address, and still doing more prints in her spare time!

After a neurological emergency and months in the hospital and nursing home, **Sara Tams Kreker** moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to live with her niece Kathy Tams, who has gotten her "back to my old self". They had a great trip to the Grand Canyon in May. Sara's new address is P.O. Box 6915, Jackson, Wyoming, c/o Kathy Tams. Our good wishes are with you, Sara.

Betsy (Boot) Vanderbilt Crampton has moved to the Glenview, a retirement home in Naples. "Boot" calls it "the finishing school". She adds that **Gracey Luckett Bradley** is also a resident at Glenview. "Boot" still plays tennis and a "lot of bridge".

A note from **Lottie Lewis Woollen** in Charlotte, NC who says she is "doing fine" but stays too close to home to send much news.

Shirley Jones Woodard is living in a nice "assisted living" in Rocky Mt., NC, only a few minutes from her son and her sister, and goes out often with friends for meals and bridge. Her beautiful, wonderful grandchildren are her "greatest pleasure." She writes that she often looks at old annuals and enjoys the old memories!

A short note from **Janet Thorpe** who is "still hanging in there", despite the installation of cable TV in her 11-story condominium.

Mary Elizabeth Barge Schroder has moved from her home on Habusham Rd. to a small one story house and where other friends have moved after down sizing. Fortunately she writes, "I still feel comfortable driving both day and night although Atlanta traffic is a nightmare most of the time!" Mary Elizabeth was recently involved in a series of events remembering Atlanta friends and relatives who died in the Air France Crash at Orly forty years ago. All of the children (now middle-aged) who lost parents were there, enjoyed meeting each other and discussing what turn their lives had taken since the tragedy.

Henny Collier Armstrong's daughter, Penny, helped organize this gathering and participated in a great video which was shown in a local TV station. Penny was at the Sorbonne at the time of the crash and had just seen her mother off on the ill-fated trip back to Atlanta. "She looks a lot like Henny and has the same great sense of humor". Mary Elizabeth's

family now consists of one son and one daughter—both Mary and Tim are deceased—nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Of the four, two are still in prep school, one is a Morehead Scholar at UNC, and one

will graduate at U.Va next year, after taking a year off to study in Australia.

A welcome 'phone call from **Yvonne Leggett Dyer Sanford** who is also getting ready to downsize and is putting her home for 53 years on the market. She had received a letter from **Nancy McKee Hewlett** thanking her for the Sweet Briar plates which Yvonne had offered to a Sweet Briar alumna. Nancy wrote, "My family will enjoy them for a long time to come." Yvonne echoed the feeling of all of us when she said, "My heart goes out to all of you who may have suffered from the tragedy of September 11th.

In December, we sold our home which we had built and lived in for 55 years and moved across town to an apartment in Westminster-Canterbury here in Richmond. We're slowly getting used to apartment living, meeting new friends, and touching base with lots of old friends living here. There are a number of Sweet Briar alumnae here also, **Mary Frances Buchanan Flowers** '39 lives nearby, as does **Adelaide Boze Glascock** '40, **Margaret Towers Talman**, **Grace Bugg Muller-Thym** '42 to name a few. I have a tiny garden plot here—enough for a few flowers—and as soon as we are really settled in will check the exercise program and the painting class. I am still involved with my longtime interests—Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital, St. James Episcopal Church, and the James River Garden Club.

1940

Mrs. L.C.A. Schwartz (Ruth Meolond)
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Cleveland Heights OH 44121-1507

1941

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1942

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Notes by former secretary, Barbara Ripley Furniss:

Hello again, dear classmates: Many thanks to all of you who bravely confronted the one-size-fits-all questionnaire. Predictably, the bookworms needed more space for their favorite titles, and the grandmothers needed more lines to list the names and accomplishments of their grandchild-

dren, all spectacular of course. The questionnaires are now in a notebook in the SBC Alumnae House. Take some time with it when you next visit the campus. And, incidentally, let me know if you would like a one-page list of the books which were mentioned on the questionnaires.

I hope you are eagerly awaiting word of our 60th Reunion in May, 2002. The '42 class picture shows eight of us and four husbands: Front row: **Ann Morrison Reams, Betsy Gilmer Tremain, Barbara Ripley Furniss, Betty Blackmer Childs, Lucy Call Dabney and Irene Mitchell Moore**. Back row: husbands **Bernie Reams, Mike Tremain, Todd Furniss and Mackall Childs** next to **Douglas Woods Sprunt and Debbie Wood Davis**. **Mary Moore Rutherford** showed up the next day, making nine classmates in all. Douglas later wrote, "As Debbie and I drove through the gates and up that lovely curve to the Inn, with the marvelous woods on either side of the road, we were home! And there on the steps of the Inn were Betsy and Mike Tremain, the only people in sight. We were a small but congenial group, interested in everything and appreciative of the good manners of the young."

You will remember that Ann was for years the Director of the Alumnae Office. She is an ideal class president and reunion den mother, who visits the campus often and maintains a strong interest in the college and its alumnae. The following is her account of reunion weekend:

From the minute we got together, it was as though we were picking up from where we left off just a few days before. Each of us came with a sense of excitement and expectation, and none of us was disappointed. What a fine time we had!

The beauty of the campus is always impressive, regardless of the weather. In spite of the many changes in structure, the sense of place is always the same. And the cordiality of the administration and staff is real and genuine.

Because of the cool and uncertain weather, class picnics were held in large tents placed around a fountain in front of the Wailes Conference Center, which provided a gathering place for many subsequent class activities. We, as members of the Daisy Chain, joined the 50th and older reunion classes at a lovely served dinner and program on the first evening. Our first real get-together, and it was great fun.

I loved the Saturday morning convocation. President Betsy Muhlenfeld's talk about the present and future of the college was interesting and upbeat. I was pleased that so many were there to represent the 60th (the most ever to attend) even though we wish you all could have been with us.

Another thing that impressed

me—the number of children there. Although we saw little of them, they were all remarkably well-behaved. They had their own full schedule, and meals were usually elsewhere.

We enjoyed getting "gussied up" for the elegant cocktail/buffet/dance Saturday night. The food was fantastic and beautifully presented, much of it

around the fountain. Many of the "young folk" stayed into the wee hours of the morning, but most of us retired at a reasonable hour.

My favorite time at reunion is always the memorial service. It's such an impressive service, and the alumnae choir is unbelievably beautiful. The new chaplain delivered a good sermon, and the reading of the names of alumnae who died during the past year is always moving.

And so another wonderful meal, a few good-byes, and on our way home. It was a glorious time made special by those of our class who were there and by news of those who were not. The planning of the Alumnae Office left nothing to be desired. They even thought of wonderful little favors such as the glow-in-the-dark plastic rings to wear around the neck or head, and the packages of pink and green M&M's.

Those of us who came with husbands really appreciated having rooms in the new part of the Elston Inn. It was nice to see how well that facility works for small conferences and meetings as well as weddings and college functions. It is certainly a good way to acquaint outsiders with the college.

Thank you, Ann, for that excellent description of our great 60th! Now to go on to the postcards and e-mails for what the rest of you have been doing. There are a lot of them, for which I send many thanks.

Reasons for missing reunion were predictable, but mostly happy ones.

Ann Hauslein Potterfield spent 7 weeks in Provence, Dordogne, and Brittany. She admits that was a bit much at our age. Susan Lehman, the retired chaplain at SBC, and Susan's husband were with her for two weeks in Dordogne. Ann says that she and Tom are now happily settled in their Charleston apartment, and she is looking forward to joining **Helen Sanford** once more at the Santa Fe Opera in August. Helen didn't get to reunion because plans for getting to the campus fell through. Most of her travels the past year don't sound cheery, such as a trip to California to close out the house of her older sister, an early Alzheimer's patient. *La Traviata* and Santa Fe sound like a nice change.

Eloise English Davies is another one who almost made it to reunion, but May was a month for weddings, her son's and a granddaughter's. Eloise reports that her best beau from

La Jolla CA, came for the Chestertown MD wedding and stayed on for a week. She says her life at Heron Point, a fine retirement community, is getting back to normal. She enjoys her garden and trips to La Jolla for a month in the winter and one in the summer, which keep her in touch with the "real world."

Another classmate has found retirement shelter on the Eastern shore of Maryland. **Diana Greene Helfrich** has an assisted living apartment in

Salisbury. She is confined to a motorized wheelchair that limits her coming and going. Daughter Hope lives 20 miles away and does all the driving. She describes a wonderful family gathering in the Poconos in celebration of her 80th birthday where she says "we had a ball!"

Betty Hanger Lippincott continues to enjoy her life in a great retirement community near Philadelphia—playing golf, and bridge, walking a dear dog, reading, seeing friends. Her summers are spent at a hideaway in Jamestown RI. She says she is a healthy 81-year-old with most of her marbles intact—all very pleasant and low key.

Another classmate enjoying her retirement community is **Margaret Leonard Proctor** at Broadmead in Maryland, who says she is busier than ever "leading 2 lives keeping up with friends outside the loop and taking part in new activities inside the loop." She is still driving, painting, reading, exercising and doing all the fun things possible, as well as enjoying the wonderful cross section of people in her community.

Betty Whitaker Hook, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1942, and husband Dick celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They have 5 children and 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. All 37 family members join them at Sherwood Forest MD every summer. She says "It's a wonderful life."

Two Florida classmates checked in with different feelings about their retirement state. **Jane Taylor Lowell** says that she is still enjoying life in SW Florida. She visits her brother in Sarasota, volunteers at her church, and just became a great-grandmother for the second time. **Joanne Oberkirch Willis** is less enthusiastic. She went to Connecticut for a granddaughter's wedding and fell in love all over again with the shoreline and the countryside with lovely homes. She exclaims over fresh air and no endless tracts of crackerbox houses like Florida. She adds, however, that she is not about to uproot herself and that there is plenty to keep her busy.

Another Florida resident, **Margaret Preston Moore**, didn't talk about her home state but instead described the gorgeous home being built by her

Sacramento CA daughter Kent Newton, whom she visited in May and June. She attended grandson Richard's graduation from high school.

Some prodding from me produced a nice letter from **Betsy Chamberlain**. She says she can't compete with her classmates in a recital of achievements of children and grandchildren—or of her own—and she won't try. She names her only son Peter Duncan Burchard as a possible exception. Peter has been working on the ultimate biography of George Washington Carver, and he is now the national authority on his subject. In 1998 he published a preview chapter called "Carver—A Great Soul." It represents 15 years of intensive research and might be out in another two years. Betsy says she has had a good life and now enjoys living in a condominium by a creek which flows into San Francisco Bay with a spectacular view of Mount Tamalpais.

Jeanne Sawyer Stanwood, writing from her house in Kennebunk ME, described a fabulous trip to Provence last year visiting a sister whose beau owns a gracious old farmhouse in a tiny hill town unchanged for centuries. "grapes galore as far as the eye could see, red roofs—the whole French nine yards." She has bought a computer so that she can copy bits and pieces of a novel begun in the 50's reminiscent of a year in Italy and hopes there may be a book in it. She says she has no publishing aspirations for any of her novels because it is just too much work, but she is having fun.

Italy turned up again in a note from **Jessie Marr Strahman**, who reported on a trip to the Lake Como area. Her beautifully planned trip was with a group from the Newark Museum. They stayed in a quiet, pleasant hotel called "The Palace" and explored surrounding villages.

Mary Alice Bennett Baumberger continues her double life in Switzerland and Southampton, NY. Give her a call if you are near Southampton in July or August—631 283 0954.

One more traveling classmate is **Marion Robbins Alexander** who left her Houston home for a week in the Caribbean with her whole family including grandchildren (who loved it) and her sister Ellen Robbins Red (SBC '46) and her brother's family and daughter-in-law Leslie Grimes Alexander SBC '79. Next trip is Alaska.

Some of us did stay closer to home. **Margie Troutman Harbin** says she prefers short trips and is just glad to be healthy at 80+ and able to maintain a house and yard. She still volunteers on the "Tree Board" and works at the Rome (CA) History Museum. She saw **Sudie Clark Hanger** and **Dot Malone Yates** at a party in May. Sudie as active as ever. Sudie says she has no more news except more of the

same—great grandchildren and weddings—all good.

Cynthia Abbott Dougherty, who divides her year between New York City and Long Island, asks for help with her roses, which were lovely before Black Spot set in. SOS! Her phone is 631 653 4497. New cat Mariposa is a welcome addition to the household. She needs help with a card postmarked Roanoke on which the signature has been destroyed. She sends best wishes to everyone and suggests you come to Long Island.

Some news, of course, is sad. **Grace Lanier Brewer** lost her husband in July of 2001. Our class notes had already gone off to Sweet Briar, and I could not get word of Carlos' death into our assigned fall Alumnae News. He practiced medicine until age 80 and then had six years of a more leisurely lifestyle before his unexpected death. She feels fortunate to have had 57 years with him. Grace suffered a cardiac problem, but it has been corrected and she hopes to reinvolve herself in volunteer work soon.

A few classmates kept surgeons busy. **Edie Brainerd Walter** (Washington DC) says she got along well after an unexpected operation, but it kept her away from reunion. Her St. Olaf College MN daughter Anne and husband are just ending a sabbatical year at UVA. Anne visited Sweet Briar several times and says the new buildings look impressive.

Writer **Dorothea Hutchins Donley** is a delightful correspondent who loves the old campus and is uneasy about the "modern architecture" additions. She writes: "I adored Sweet Briar, especially after a grim year at Wells College in Aurora NY. Yankee Land was NOT for me. I delved in the library stacks and picked out the prettiest SOUTHERN college and enrolled at Sweet Briar. It was like dying and going to heaven! Beautiful campus, delicious food, flowers and cloth napkins in the handsome dining-room, caring professors, smiling students, and a precious roommate, Baxter Brown."

An e-mail from **Lucy Case Wendelken** in Wichita KS is also nostalgic. "Army" provides some interesting recollections of the second semester of senior year when the war had begun to impact the lives of students with military connections. One example: She received a radio call from her fiancé in Hawaii at 3 a.m., and the Sweet Briar switchboard operator volunteered to be there to put the call through. Bringing us up to the present, she writes that her daughter Heather is working for the governor of Nebraska and studying for her Master's degree. Grandson Derek is on the ski team at Annapolis. Grandson Ben is working and taking college courses. She says her left leg is totally useless, but she manages to

get to activities, mostly parties, with the help of portable oxygen.

Gloria Sanderson Sartor reported from Shreveport LA that this year has been just about shot by major surgery in January involving three organs, plus follow-up surgery for an abscess. In spite of all that she counts her blessings and enjoys friends, children and grandchildren. **Daphne Withington Adams** also reported extensive surgery in January and didn't feel up to traveling to reunion. Her letter spoke of going to Dallas TX in July for her first glimpse of a 7-month-old great-granddaughter. She still lives in her house in Rye NJ, but she is looking for a life care retirement community.

Pattie Rose Early Trippet sent an e-mail saying that she and husband Harry are still in their Waco TX home but installed an elevator so they can stay there longer. For several years they have traveled to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, and this year they visited their granddaughter in her freshman year at Sewanee. She enjoys playing bridge and mah-jongg, and entertaining at small dinner parties. She has a new genealogy program.

Betsy Gilmer Tremain wrote that her firsthand impression at reunion was that all is well with Sweet Briar, the people, the places and the future. She is just sorry that it costs so much to go there and remembers with gratitude when her Daddy managed to keep her and sister Decca at Sweet Briar even though the tuition went from \$1,000 to \$1,200. At reunion, **Irene Mitchell Moore** mentioned how much pleasure she gets from frequent trips to the campus and her participation in scholarships.

Todd and I continue to enjoy our La Posada garden home in a large life-care retirement complex in Southern Arizona. We enjoyed every minute of reunion weekend. My artificial joints behaved, and I was even able to dance on party night. My prayer is that Sweet Briar, with its articulate, charming president, competent staff, and bright teachers will always be able to keep this college an extraordinary place for educating an interesting, diverse group of young women.

-Barbara Furniss, Green Valley AZ

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I can't believe it's that time again. Jake and I are in Bethany Beach, Delaware for the summer where grandchildren come and go. Our eldest grandson, John Lawrence Jacobsen, is getting married in October, our granddaughter, Joanna is a rising junior at Kenyon College and hoping to go to St Andrews next year. My namesake, Julia Mary Louise Jacobsen, 8th grader at Holton-Arms School, is baking a cake as I write for my 79th birthday. Our daughter Mary, and her two children Laura and Will Brintnall arrive for a month with us. We had a lousy winter with bronchitis and that ailment called old age. Jake turned 90 in May. He has lost the sight in one eye. **Dale Sayler Morgan** came to the rescue e-mailing a list of sources of Audio Books.

Anne Dickson Jordan reports that she is leaving (has left by now) for the summer to go to their summer place in the Adirondacks on Lake Champlain in upstate New York. "It's a little town, Essex, and it has not changed in all the years I've been going there since I was a child. It is heavenly. Perk comes to visit me up there, but can't come this summer as sister Patty is having her second hip replacement and Perk is going to be with her. Perk is going on a safari in Africa in the fall." Dickie has two grandchildren in college. Sarah is at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. Carter is at U. of Tenn. and loving it. Her oldest grandson is entering William and Mary in the fall to go to graduate school for an MBA. Time marches on very fast!!

Betty Gray Gray e-mails (note that she e-mailed me) that she is enjoying a busy life in a retirement community; also still close to her church and friends and had a wonderful week at a North Carolina beach with her daughter earlier this summer. Next a trip to Maine to visit another daughter and two great grandchildren. Betty's e-mail address is: bvbagg@mailstation.com.

Dale Sayler Morgan e-mails, "that it is surely the easiest and best way to communicate!! I am 8 months from the knee replacement—and getting along fine; was discouraged about getting enough range (bend) but have been working on that with another therapist and all is going great. They tell me it takes a year to fully recover—I do miss gardening and I am not the least bit charmed by the profusion of weeds coming up. I am

not thinking about doing the other knee any time soon. I miss golf but gave that up a few years ago when Philip had to stop because of losing his eyesight—it is virtually one now (glaucoma). He has had it for years and unfortunately a doctor along the way let his pressure stay too high. But we stay very busy doing lots of things—not as much traveling but stay involved with the usual social things and church and other activities. I stay very busy with my Garden club. Savannah is a tourist's Mecca and we do have lots of guests—just wish any of you going through would give us a call. Last Saturday Tim Moore (**Sarah Temple Moore**) was married to a Savannah girl—Mary Morrison—daughter of very good friends—at their plantation. We had torrential rain for 3 days—but it stopped promptly at 7 PM just long enough for the outdoor ceremony. Reception was under a large tent and it was a most festive affair—I sat at a table with one of **Hedy Edwards Davenport's** daughters—Margie—and she has all the spark and charm—and even more than her mother. Also at our table was Bill Chapin and his wife—stepson of **Hilda Hude Chapin**. They were the most fun young group and made me feel the same! I did have time to catch up with Sarah—she looked marvelous—so it was a memorable evening." Dale and Philip visited brother Jack and **Betsy Miller Sayler** '55 over the 4th. Dale is a mine of Sweet Briar information and e-mail humor.

Ann Gladney Gibson writes she has been cleaning out old documents etc. and has a pathological fear of shredding anything a la Enron. Ann if you have any Sweet Briar pictures send them on. She is struggling with a few health problems, but still has children, Pete and Ann to keep her focused

Joyce Livermore Foust writes: "I'm late as usual, sorry. It's been a busy year—one granddaughter's wedding, another expecting our first great grandbaby in July, and a trip to Sacramento to visit the best man and his wife from our wedding 56 years ago! We still split our time between 2 homes, one in Plymouth and one on a lake near Traverse City. We spend January and February at Golf Shores, Alabama. It's kind of a rut but a happy one for us as long as we keep healthy and together." **Antoinette Le Bris Maynard** says Paul is now at Oak Tree Manor, in Northeast PA about 15 minutes drive from home. She now lives on Lake Erie, near Carol, their daughter, who with her husband, Dr. S. Barber, has been helping them through these difficult years. She said their daughter Libby is coming to spend two weeks. Libby is still director of the Ink People in Eureka, CA. Their son Philip and Cindi have a lovely 9 months old daughter and they

hope to see them this summer. Antoinette says if any of you would like to see them they would love to see you—"I still miss our friends and former life".

Hedy Edwards Davenport is busy as ever—just had first grandchild married in Blooming Rock, NC and has a second wedding in Aspen, Colorado in October. Returned from the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, said it was glorious. She says her Golf game has gone downhill but is still slugging away. She is back on Lookout Mountain for the summer although she will attend the Aspen Music festival in July. She sees **Sarah Temple Moore** and **Hilda Hude Chapin** regularly. John Gill writes for his wife **Elene Essary Gill**. "Elene has had some health problems but is getting better. Our four children are doing well. Three of them work at Gill and Son in Washington. Laura Gill is living on Cape Cod. Our six grandchildren are doing well also".

Martha Holton Glesser writes, "I am more than willing to do anything I can to help. Since all these cards come to you, the alumnae office must have more faith in you." (Martha's e-mail came back so I volunteered. Next time, Martha, will you type and I will edit.) She says her only "claim to fame" since reunion was a 7 hour stint in surgery for an ear infection in Oct. But all is well now. She hopes to get some time at their cabin in Michigan in July but no definite plans at this point.

Mary Haskins King writes that **Jodie Morgan Hartman** and Jimmy met **Ann Ferrier Ramsay** '47 and her for lunch in June in Burlington, NC for a brief but great catch up. July 24, she will fly to Boston with her son John, and his wife Pam to see their 17 yr. old daughter, Sara, in a play (she's the lead) that will have 2 performances. Sara is at a 5-week drama school housed in Walnut Hill, in Natick. Her last year in High School she has been accepted—and is thrilled—at the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC.

Peggy Jones Wyllie says "Not much news of interest here. We are having a bit of trouble finding a second farmhand, but a good one is hanging in there. Down to only three cairn terriers at the moment but new malamute puppy arriving shortly. Email driving me crazy so I am not sending my address." (Please! I promise no joke chains).

Mary Kathryn Frye Hemphill says this may miss your deadline but that is okay—"I seem to have slowed down to 'half-speed'. Here in Linville at Grandfather Club I stay until after Labor Day-my daughter Kathryn lives nearby and I see **Lella Burnett Felker** often. She is spending the summer here also."

Sarah Temple Moore said she and Tom attended the joyous wedding of

their son, Timothy, at a lovely plantation in Savannah. Their other four boys, their wives, children, and many other family members and friends joined them to make it a wonderful reunion. They saw **Dale Sayler Morgan** at the reception along with **Catherine Tift Foster** '40 and **Frances Longino Schroeder** '40 both from Atlanta. This Fall Sarah and Tom will celebrate their 56th anniversary.

Leila Barnes Cheatham said, "Well I found this in the nick of time on Bastille Day! I have been visiting a granddaughter in San Francisco, a daughter in Brevard, NC and friends in Highlands, NC. My oldest granddaughter, Annie, marries in September. I hope all is well with the class of '45."

Hilda Hude Chapin had such a good time on the Sweet Briar trip to Sorrento last October that they are going on another to Ireland. She said there was nobody from the class of '45 but a great group anyway! She talked to **Wylene Sayler** and all sounds good with her. She didn't get to St. Pete this winter but she plans to see her next winter.

Tutti Hall Peckham says her news is mostly about moving and traveling—but she has finally settled into a condominium in Asheville. Tried the retirement center but said it just wasn't time. She is taking off for Spain, Portugal and France. **Mary (Haskins) King** keeps in touch with her. She said, "It's hard to believe we've lived this long! Keep on keeping on."

Harriet Willcox Gearhart and David have moved into a retirement community near the parish David served for nearly twenty years. Other Briarites there are **Pat Whitaker Waters** and **June Eager Finney** '49 and her husband. Their daughter Mary has an adopted son. She lives in New York near **Sara Skaggs** (also SBC grad) and works with Sara's dance company. (Sara spent a week with us in Washington while she was teaching at American University and performing.) We hope to see Harriet and David in Bethany Beach where they have a home nearby.

Alice Nicolson McIlvaine has recently moved into a retirement home—she brought about 8 good friends with her and is enjoying it. It is on the edge of Rock Creek Park and 10 to 15 minutes to downtown. Good food, fitness center, movies and excellent library. She went to Sicily with Elderhostel then on to Amalfi, Italy for a week with family. She keeps busy docenting at two historic houses in DC and pricing at the Thrift Shop in Georgetown plus lots of golf and visitors.

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All summer I have had the most fun going to the mail box to find whose note arrives on that day. Believe it or not, I can usually recognize your handwriting (certainly **Closey's** and **Judy Blakey Butler's**). From way across the country **Jane Miller Wright's** card from CA said that Howard had a slight stroke right before his 80th but they still went to Kona Village Point with 15 family members to celebrate their 55th anniversary. **Dolly Antrim McKenna** claims her golf handicap is rising as she golfs in Loma Linda but life is good and she loves hearing about our class. **Eve Godchaux Hirsch** writes newsy New Orleans notes saying she keeps up with **Bea Backer Simpson** and **Jane Shoesmith Newcomb**. The Hirschs will summer in New Orleans but head to New York in October to see plays, opera and museums. Eve sees **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy** and a card from **Martha Davis Barnes** from Atlanta says that she attended the lovely wedding of Wendy Kennedy, Rosemary's daughter. Martha's note goes on to say she is "just living and staying in touch with friends and family, going to Little League ball games" (as we good grandmothers are called on to do!). She is very proud of her daughter Sarah who is training her gelding by the "horse whisperer" method with plans to attend Pat Pirelli's camp which has been featured in National Geographic's WILD MUS-TANGS.

Martha visited **Sally Davis Spencer** and **Kyle** at their farm in Barnesville, GA along with **Tee Snider Martin** and **Billy**. A letter from **Sally Davis Spencer** adds that their travels mostly consist of driving the 70 miles back and forth from their farm which has been in Kyle's family since the 19th century. He has registered Angus cattle and a tree farm which he started. Sally described a reunion in May in Columbus where members of SBC classes of '46 and '47 were in attendance. Do you remember some of those "mean" (my words!) gals who initiated us as Freshmen into the fun of SBC: **Joan McCoy Edmunds**, **Linda McKoy Stewart**, **Evie White Spearman**, and from our sister class **Mary Vinton Fleming**, **Shields Jones Harris**, **Lee Stephens Gravely** visiting **Sarah McDuffie Hardaway** and **Wistar Watts King** and **Mary**

Redmond?

A card from Atlanta from **Peggy Sheffield Martin** who had just returned from a 12 day "country house party" in Berkshires, Hampshire, the Cotswolds and London with her daughter and two daughters-in-law. They saw "great houses and gorgeous gardens".

Then she was off to Highlands, NC where she spent some time with **Martha Sue Skinner Logan** who lives in nearby Cashiers. A phone visit with **Suzanne Hardy Benson** in Augusta; she reports Cameron has recovered from a serious illness and she has had pneumonia and a three weeks hospital stay. A rare note came in the mail from **Liz Hooks Richards** with greetings from Florida where Bill and she spend 8 months and from Dayton, OH where they spend 4 months with side trips here and there. **Liz** had a phone visit with **Bess Pratt Wallace** in Huntsville on her birthday and found her feeling better after a bout with shingles. **Ann Rowland Tuck's** Nashville note says they are still enjoying Richland Place after giving up their home of 49 years.

Our Colorado classmate **Ruthie Faulkner Howe** and **Wilson** celebrated their 50th anniversary with all 13 of their family at Mazatlan, Mexico sharing old memories and making new ones to cherish. **Judy Perkins Llewellyn** and **Norman** winter at Kiawah Island and spend the rest of the year in Hartford, CT. They went to Italy last year and now have taken a fancy to the river boat cruises and will do Holland and Belgium and go to England in Sept. What fun to hear from **Wolfeboro, NH** where **Jane Shoesmith Newcomb** celebrated her 75th birthday with **Faith "Skipper" Mattison** as one of the guests. **Jane** had a total knee replacement but planned a Grand Circle cruise to Alaska in July. **Faith** writes that she is pleased with her move to the retirement community of Kendal at Hanover, NH but she does miss her friends and the view of the river from her former residence. **Closey Faulkner Dickey's** tiny writing tells of her "very medical last two years" with double coronary by-pass, double knee replacement, ruptured disk, shattered femur, broken ankle from a fall in a parking lot after skiing. However her therapy was to hang on to husband **Whit's** arm and spend a month in Italy seeing every possible piece of Renaissance art. The Dickey's have a second home which is a family compound on Mt. Desert Island near Somesville, ME where **Whit** creates heather gardens and **Closey** tries to outsmart the deer in the gardens. Their children came from as far away as Anchorage to care for **Closey** during her down times.

Judy Blakey Butler wants a new SBC rose t-shirt before our 55th since her old one got stained at our 50th.

She still has not topped her trip of a lifetime experience aboard a Russian ice cutter in Antarctica but she keeps on making tracks from York, PA to Oregon and Scottsdale and points in between. She enjoyed a visit from **Nancy Vaughn Kelly** and **Dan** to her restored old home and garden. **Betsy Anderson Gorrell** from St. Albans, VT says that she still has to work at keeping on speaking terms with her computer but she is proud to say she has received a first thank-you note from a great grandchild. The Gorrells recommend travel to Australia and New Zealand. Our **Dr. Jane Luke** had the distinction of attending her 50th reunion from UVA Medical School in Charlottesville last spring. She still loves her winters in Virgin Gorda and summers on Cape Cod. **Patty Traugott Rouse** still makes us proud with her daily work at The Enterprise Foundation in Columbia, MD, but she catches the Baltimore Orioles baseball games whenever she can. She was to have her second hip replacement in July. **Audrey Lahman Rosselot** wrote last spring from Bethesda MD requesting our gifts to SBC be sent in by June 30 and we hope Audrey's faithful work brought good results. She spends her summers in NH and does a good job of keeping up with 5 grands of which 4 are female. **Audrey** and **Bob** spent time in the foreign service in Karachi and Calcutta so she has a deep interest in news of the day.

Marguerite Rucker Ellett's note from Richmond always keeps us in touch with **Helen Pender Withers** since they have children married to one another. The Withers spent family time together in Rome at Christmas. The Elletts have had a VMI "Brother Rat" Reunion at Figure 8 Island and a family gathering at Pawley's Island. **Virginia Vardy** from Vienna, Virginia who really is **Ginny Wurzbach Vardy** says the parking garage and elevator at her condo makes life much easier. She attended grandchild **Meredith's** graduation from NC State in May and has granddaughter **Lindsay** at UVA. "Life is good and I'm blessed with family and friends 'tho' I've slowed down considerably". (That makes her eligible for the Class Club.) A newsy note from **Martha Mansfield Clement** describes her spring adventure of going back to work for **Mark Whittaker** at Stetson University in FL but now she's back in VA. Two granddaughters graduated from high school this year with **Meredith** going off to Kingston, Ontario to college and **Sarah Mouri** off to SBC. **Martha** sends word that she has moved back to her roots and she lives at 5028 Domain Place, Alexandria, VA 22311. **Vi Whitehead Morse's** note written in June decries "the destruction of landscape and trees at the SBC gate supposedly for a cloverleaf to connect Route 29 to the by-pass around Madison Heights and traffic from Rt. 460". Her daughters

and grands all gathered in May. **Walter** stays busy with his Hereford cattle on their Amherst farm.

I went on a big memory trip when I received this email address: **Metttbbmcc@aol.com**; do you remember our amazement that any girl could be named "Mary Elizabeth Turner Taylor Barbour", and now she has another "b" and "mcc" added to that impressive handle. **Liz Barbour McCrea**, famous for decades as mother of triplets, has to rent a bigger beach house for 18 to include only daughters and 10 of her 12 grands. When her husband **Mac's** family is there for first week it fills their house. **Liz** had a good visit with **Polly Rollins Sowell** and her daughter **Susie** who came from Austin, TX to visit friends in OC.

Your scribe **Maddie Lupton McCallie** is writing this, looking at the Gulf of Mexico in mid August, and hoping as **David** and I finish a vacation with two sons and families that it is not too late for the Alumnae News. We are planning a Sept. train trip from Vancouver to Toronto with some friends. We had a grand "rack of lamb" dinner for 150 last Nov. to celebrate our 50th and all continue in good health.

The last card that I am copying is from classmate **Kitty Doolin Dickey** from Huntley, VA written in June. "On Sept. 11 our daughter **Katy** was at the World Trade Center Marriott preparing for a meeting in one of the towers when the planes hit. She escaped on foot through ashes and debris to Brooklyn via the bridge where she was taken in by Good Samaritans. In their words, 'Katy was our gift on Sept. 11 and it was her bravery we had to measure up to. We have so much to be thankful for'".

In closing, let me, on behalf of the class, extend our sympathy to the family of **Malloy Wright Warren**, who died on July 22, 2001.

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It is with a heavy heart that I pass on the following sad news: Judith Clipping died on March 29, 1998 and Joan Motter Andersen died on July 23, 2002. Also, Will Beard, Mona Wilson Beard's husband, died in December of 2001 and Bob Fraser, husband of Joanne Williams Fraser, died in April of this year. On behalf of our class, deepest sympathy to their families.

The last two reunions I had the great good fortune of sharing meals with Mott and George. It was always such fun. Mott's note is included—positive and upbeat, so typical.

Carolyn Sample Abshire:

Well, let's see: last October (2001) had double knee replacement surgery—has been great—being able to do so many things that hurt and ached before. Total J AND last week (May 21st) my "baby" Caroline, 28 years, had our eighth grandchild and, after 5 grandsons, named him David Abshire Scott. Mother and dad doing fine and we're so proud. They live nearby in Arlington. All other children and David fine and dandy. Hope you are too. Nancy Pesek Rasenberger and I still great buddies and see each other often. Love, Carolyn

Joan Motter Andersen:

This is difficult to write, because after some six months of tests I was diagnosed with ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease in February.

We started planning a new one-story, handicapped accessible house and put our 210 year old one on the market. The first people who saw it bought it! Closed in early June, and we bought a travel trailer that we are living in on our new lot with mountain view. Hope to sell it when we move into our house in September. Meanwhile a 35 foot long home decorated with 300 pounds of dogs—one Irish wolfhound and one St. Bernard—is quite an experience! No computer because no room so I can't type this, and my hands were the first to lose small muscle ability. This is a debilitating disease but I'm fighting all the way—once we get the house built, would love to have company. Will have a nice big guestroom and bath. Hope all is well with you, Mott

Diane Aubineau:

Was thinking of coming to New Trier reunion in October but have lost interest. Don't know whether it's because I'm reunited out or what. Will call you if I do come. Please call me if you come west. Best, Diane

Ann Mountcastle Blechta:

Not much news. Celebrated our third wedding anniversary April 24th at the brand new Ritz Carlton in Sarasota! President Muhlenfeld and

Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko visited alumnae in Sarasota March 7th. Mr. A. Marshall Acuff, Jr., Chairman of Investments and Finance Committee, presented a full picture of SBC now. Much love to you, Annie Moo

Jean Randolph Bruns:

Will Beard's death was a terrible shock. He was the picture of health last August when Mona, he and I visited Kathy Phinizy Mackie at her summer cottage near me.

Another winter in Thailand with my son and his family. And visit en route home with Julie Micou and Dick Eastwood, in Walnut Creek, California and lunch in Healdsburg, California with Patty Lynas and Dick Ford.

Ten days in Ireland in April. Oldest granddaughter graduated from Penn State in 3 years, headed for NYU Law School. Otherwise, it's read and weed and run my B&B. Randie

Mary Jane Eriksen Ertman:

I've had two trips: to Denver by train to visit Anne and family in early June, and to Denmark with Martha two weeks later. We enjoyed the longest day of the year in Copenhagen, and we saw crowds of high school students in white caps celebrating graduation all over town. It was fun. Gardner and I are looking forward to the children's visits here in July and August. Much love to you, MJ

Mary Pease Fleming:

When do we stop being busy? Your card has been sitting on my desk under a pile of must dos. Keeping track of our eighteen grandchildren is one excuse.

Ann Sheldon Taylor (Shelly) was in town recently from her new home in Emeryville, California. We had good times, but all too short. Rives and I expect to spend August at Virginia Beach—keeping a house open for kids and parents! Love, Mary

Patricia Lynas Ford:

2001 was our year for fun, travel and adventure. England in March, Sweet Briar in May, China in October (a most remarkable and memorable trip), England again in early December and Virginia for Christmas with family. But instead of returning as planned on December 31, Dick was taken by ambulance to the ER in Reston with acute back pain. 2002 took on another flavor. After our return home he was seen by three orthopedic surgeons, each with a different opinion. The MRI showed that a piece of disk between L3-4 had broken off. A CT scan later showed that a piece of bone had also broken off so he planned to have arthroscopic surgery on June 19, a welcome procedure as he had been in pain to some extent since December. However, on 11 June I fell on a slope and broke my ankle in three places as well as dislocated it and have to be off my foot for 6-8 weeks. I have a screw in the tibia and a plate and 7 little screws in the fibula. So now poor

Dick is the caregiver. We had planned to go to Italy in April, then postponed the trip until September then cancelled it. So there are some years when one should not plan to do anything out of the ordinary, as the extraordinary has a mind of its own. Cheers, Patty

Joanne Williams Fraser:

It is my very sad mission to tell you that my dear husband passed away on April 12th: I have come anyway to our summer home to stay until September, for we have many dear friends up here. My main project for the moment is to learn how to start our boat—but summer is still "a' cummin' in"—it's too cold to try! But the weather is great for getting flow-ers into their beds, so I do stay busy. Love, Jo

Carla DeCreny Freed:

I send love and hope everything is copacetic with you. Getting my act together to go back to Nantucket mid-June—please come see me!

Had a lovely trip to the Netherlands and Belgium for the Floriade in April. Seeing the Keukenhof Gardens was like looking at the living SBC Bulb Book—just glorious! How many bulbs did we sell for the Alum Association??! Carla

Patricia Carlin Friese:

Good to hear from you—In South Salem til Nov. 1st then back to sunny Florida.

We have already hit the road—in NY state to Auburn and the University of Rochester continuing my research into my great grandfather and Wm Seward for my husband's planned book ... then off to Maine, Prince Edward Isle, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor Me. & home—maybe England at the end of August. Meantime seeing our 7 kids and 8 grandchildren as much as possible.

Weather's been grand and everything is still green. That's about it for now. Hoping things are better for you. Reunion was terrific wasn't it? It's hard to beat our 50th. Just let them try. Take care and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Suzanne Lockley Glad:

Just returned from a very nice trip from Budapest to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers. Very interesting, good flights and good weather.

Head to Black Butte Ranch in Oregon on July 1 for the summer months and chance to visit children and grandchildren in Oregon and Washington. Trust all is well with you.

Fondly, Sue

Lynne McCullough Gush:

Having lost Gerry to cancer in April of 2001, I've been busy re-inventing myself. Sold both Cadillacs and purchased a Japanese anomaly, a luxury sports-car large enough for 160 lbs. of dogs, myself and the occasional passenger. I've repaired, repainted, and rearranged my much-

loved house and am currently doing drainage.

Some things remain the same—much teaching, performances, ballet class, the garden, and continuing harp study. Also my much appreciated friends. Affectionately, Lynne

Angie Vaughan Halliday:

Bob and I were in Virginia recently (son is in Charlottesville) and we went by Lexington, looked at VMI and W&L, then went on to Sweet Briar and an overnight stay at the Elston Inn. Can't decide if SBC has changed or stayed the same—a bit of both. More buildings, more cars, etc.—but the same unbelievably beautiful scenery. How blessed we were! Took 29 on into Charlottesville—more beautiful scenery! What a treat! Love to you and all others, Angie

Jean Stapleton Hellier:

Burge and I have a new grandchild—our 11th! The oldest one is graduating from Rutgers next year. I can hardly believe it. My mom is 95. Good genes.

We haven't made any big trips since B's heart attack but we travel back and forth to the family home in Georgia and to Florida in the winter. Here in McLean we work out at the Racquet and Health Club regularly, are active at our church and enjoy those grandchildren. Best wishes, Jean

Dorothy Marks Herbruck:

We just came home from Wyoming where we spent a lovely two weeks doing nothing much—looking at the gorgeous mountains and smelling the spring air along the creek kept us thoroughly occupied. What a beautiful country we have!

In early June we spent a few days in Washington and had a great visit with Nancy and Ray Rasenberger, who look wonderful. Hope you are feeling well and are your usual cheery self. Would love to see you—do you come this way? Love, Muff

Susan Taylor Hubbard:

My latest feat—I climbed Mt. Mitchell in western NC (a 5.6 mile climb), the highest mountain east of the Miss. River. A real accomplishment for one of the Class of '51. It's a beautiful trail rising from the start at 3,200 feet above sea level to 6,684 feet. So you see, I am keeping fit. I enjoy bird watching, and walks with my precious dog Zoe—who also climbed Mt. Mitchell. Best to you, Susan

Sue Taylor Lilley:

I hope this is not too late but wanted to say hello and hope all is well with you. I can't believe it has been a year since we had reunion. I loved it and loved seeing everyone. I went to my 55th reunion at Walnut Hill High School near Boston and I had never been back. We only had three classmates but had fun and also enjoyed some time exploring Boston.

I am still working full time at Crisis Nursery and keeping tabs on

Lilley House. I still enjoy my work but am looking forward to my annual trip to the beach with the family.

I still have the E-mail addresses and will try to get them out. Too much to do, so little time. Would love to see anyone who comes to Orlando area. Love, Sue

Katherine Phinizy Mackie:

I've had a year of very interesting travel since the memorable reunion #50. In October, I went to NYC, New England and China without coming home. In China, I was with a small group of musicians from Augusta giving a concert in Taiwan—then a fabulous tour of Beijing and Hong Kong. In May, I went to Vienna and Berlin with the mother of the only American in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra for the final concerts conducted by Claudio Abado. Very moving and exciting experience. Home 2 days, then to Episcopal High School graduation of a grandson and a great visit with Cindy Wyman Richardson, recovering from hip replacement at her charming McLean home. Now, I'm resting in Craig Springs, Virginia. Love, Kathy

Joan Hess Michel:

A year has passed since we all had that wonderful visit! The glow remains—

In 2002: had 2 cataracts removed and the world became brighter; expecting a 3rd grandchild in August.

Last summer (2001) visited my sons in Midway, KY where they have a restaurant (The Holly Hill Inn). While there, saw Louise Coleman Jones and we had a nice visit. She was sorry to have missed Reunion.

All else status quo. Taking my pills and visiting the doctors'. Behaving myself. Still doing editorial work (at home) and keeping busy. Miss you! Joan

Nancy Keen Butterworth Palmer:

I've been fishing and traveling—"Trout don't live in ugly places"—but leave 6/25 for Italy for a balloon trip in Tuscany. I will come down to earth for a few days in Florence (ballooning from Sienna) then home for the hot summer.

Having a training time with one dachshund to be a Visiting Dog (should say Delta Dog—that's supposed to elicit oh's and aah's). Graduation in August.

3 teenage grandchildren and one a Sophomore at Indiana Univ. (wants to teach!). That's my news, MK

Ruth Magee Peterson:

Slowed down this year (not all bad!) after some wild ones.

Newest note is 7th grandchild Katherine Ruth born in May. Looking forward to Christmas Markets cruise on the Danube in December. Ruth

Anne Sinsheimer:

Now I shall have to wrack my feeble brain for you!! In late January I went to the northeast for my grand nephew's Middlebury graduation. I

visited with Mot and George before going on to Middlebury. At that time, all was well, although Joan was talking about arthritis in her hands. Sadly, that was not the case. I met Mot in my third year of high school. She was my "big sister" when I entered Rosemary Hall. Then we met at Sweet Briar where we became good friends. While we lived miles apart, she was always a close friend.

In May I traveled to Spain and Portugal with Arie Wittke (SBC '46) and a group from her hometown of Princeton, NJ. Margy Rucker and her sister Gail Bazzarre (SBC '55) were also with our group. It was fun. I preferred Portugal to Spain.

On the home front, things are about the same. I still volunteer as a docent for our Performing Arts Center and with the local Botanical Garden a bit. Stay well and keep in touch. Fondly, Anne

Ann Benet Yellott:

I enjoyed seeing the short article on "Monarchs" (butterflies) in the National Geographic mentioning Lincoln Brower of Sweet Briar. The College is doing some good work on the environmental front.

Hope to get back to campus sometime when our reunion date coincides with daughter Andie's—she's 25 years after us. Fondly, Ann

As for my news, somewhat of a rocky road this year with a slight (?) heart attack, pneumonia and hip problems. Still managing to do a lot of charity work. Just takes me longer to get there!

Take care '51ers! Fondly, Toddy

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One of the hardest things when doing our class notes is deciding in what order to put things. So this time, I'm not putting them in any order. I do want to particularly thank those who e-mailed me their responses. You have no idea how much easier they are to read than handwriting with postal stampings all over it. So next time, even if you get a post card, e-mail me if you can. I'm sure SBC would keep your address private. I plan to recommend they even send

out notices of notes being due by e-mail now that postage is so expensive. Here's what I've gathered.....

Betty Dykes Steih has been traveling all over from Alaska to Mexico with Lars in the Air Stream. When not traveling, they alternate stays in their 35th story condo in Atlanta, Lars' home in Mandeville, AL, and a beach condo on St. Simon's Island, GA. I've done art shows there for several years now, but our paths haven't crossed. Betty has seven boy grandchildren.

Faith Aldrich Wykoff writes that four of her five children are married and she has four grandchildren. She says that she is definitely going to be at our upcoming big 50th reunion. Can you believe we'll be in our early 70s by then! I used to think 50 was old, then it wasn't so bad, then I thought 60 was old and that was okay too. But I really do think 70 is going to be old!!!

Our other Faith, **Faith Rahmer Croker** went to the Lake District of Italy this past summer and wants to go back for a longer stay than the ten days she had. She has also been to SBC and seen the major undertakings going on at the campus. Let's hope they are all done for our 50th reunion. I figure if I mention it enough you'll really begin to think of it seriously.

A first grandchild, Dylann Noelle, has kept **Marilyn Clark Leathers** from missing the job as booking agent for the Phoenix Symphony Hall and Orpheum Theatre, from which she just retired. This fall she will be a leaf peeper on a cruise from New York to Montreal with several stops in New England and Canada along the way.

Nancy Cornwall didn't send any news, but she responded—hint, hint. She still lives in Manhattan. She reminded me of how wonderful the Centennial Issue of the Alumnae News was. I hope all of you read it thoroughly. Congratulations to the staff for a job well done.

The class sends condolences to **Barbara Chase Webber** and her family for the loss of the younger of their sons last fall. Their life has been very subdued since—just enjoying watching their seven grandchildren grow. They do plan on coming to reunion too. **Peggy Ewart Riter** writes that they lost a daughter in law to cancer and another one had to have by pass heart surgery due to radiation. They will see **Sally Bumbaugh** in Ocean City and then spend three months in the Adirondacks.

Mary Anne Bowns Bell and Dan live what they feel is a grand life, year round on John's Island in Vero Beach, FL, now. There is even a Sweet Briar group. I wonder if they sing! One of their daughters is there and the other one will be soon. Mary Ann's five grandsons all learned to play golf there and are now challenging them.

Mixed news from **Joan Potter** and Henry Bickel. Last year Henry's niece

had a baby and named him after Henry. The baby's mother shortly after that got her license to fly twin engine jets. Sadly the baby's grandmother, Henry's sister, died shortly before the baby was born. Then Henry had to have a second aneurism repaired and both Bickels went to a nursing home for his recovery. They said it was nice, but urge us to visit people in homes—they are very lonely places. Some good news in the middle—they got to go to Florida for fishing in the spring and they sold one of their houseboats. But then right after they got back from Florida, Henry had to have an arteriogram to look for a vein to use as a bypass for his left leg and foot. Unfortunately it didn't work completely and Henry had to have his left leg removed below the knee. The summer was devoted to the fitting of a prosthesis and physical therapy. His doctors are very pleased with his progress. At home they say they are very fortunate in being spoiled by a wonderful pair of caregivers—a woman who comes after breakfast and stays till after dinner and then her mother who comes and stays the night through breakfast. Their sense of humor in the face of adversity is admirable. He says they are going to the poor house in style and want to know if anyone wants to buy a practically new houseboat only used by a little old man on weekends.

Ruthie Frye Deaton, our class president, begs you for input for the skit we will need for our reunion. Isn't it nice to be asked for something other than money? We will do that later of course. Seriously, if you have any suggestions at all about our presentation, do contact Ruthie hdeaton@charter.net She and Hugo were in Maine from June through Labor Day. They and **Mary Jane Roos Fenn** missed each other by only four hours at a marina in Maryland. Mary Jane is the Vice Commodore of their yacht club. Their daughter is being married in August and will live in the same town in Connecticut that their younger daughter lives in. How convenient! Mary Jane is in her fifth year of tap dancing by the way—skit planners take note. The Deatons' big news is that their daughter, Beth, and family who have been in China for a long time moved back to Tennessee in August. Ruthie sent wonderful pictures of all the families at Christmas—a good idea. They had a surprise family reunion in December at Sea Island for Hugo's 70th birthday. Even Beth and Derrick came from China. **Dilly Johnson Jones** saw them briefly while she was there at the same time.

In September, Dilly and Paul flew to Barcelona and sailed to Nice on the Windstar sailing ship. Their son Paul has a nice living arrangement now with a young couple and their two children living with him and helping

him in his house in downtown Macon. He comes out to Dilly's most weekends. The famous Jones/McAllister triplet grandchildren are nearly five now! Dilly and Paul have made some of their land into separate lots called LaGrange Place. The lots are a minimum one acre and the homes must be 3000 feet. They have some nice new neighbors, having never had any before. Because the land had never been timbered, there are some lovely lots. Dilly's Australian son in law went to see Ruthie's daughter when he was on business in China. Another example of how close a group our Sweet Briar class really is.

More condolences—this time to **Vaughan Inge Morrisette**, whose mother died last fall. She had been a true force in Mobile, as Vaughan is now. And to **Page Anderson Hungerpillar**, whose mother blessedly died after seven years of round the clock nursing. Page and Jim are traveling a bit after Jim's two successful bouts with cancer. They spent two weeks in Scotland in the summer. Their sons, a vascular surgeon and a fund manager, both live in Savannah, and their daughter lives in Winter Park, FL. Their four granddaughters range in age from six to a student at Vanderbilt. Jim's new toy is an antique car. Also **Jerry Driesbach Ludeke's** mother passed away last year. Do we have any other parents still living? Jerry went in May with Overseas Adventure Travel to Australia and New Zealand for nearly a month. She also went to a family reunion in Pennsylvania and an Elderhostel in DC. Her big news however is that she is teaching English for five months in a private school in Tianjin, China, the port city for Beijing. She also hoped to see Ruthie's daughter. In her spare time before China, Jerry has been finishing up the preparation for publication of the book on the Chinese in Kern County, teaching a GED class at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center for men, helping in a class at Bakersfield College, timing track meets, participating in the bell, recorder, and voice choirs at church, and playing one of the major parts in the Christmas pageant.

The mention above of the antique car reminds me that **Ann May Via** and her husband toured Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho last June in their 1914 Simplex, with grandsons, aged 10 and 17. They drove 2300 miles and nearly froze in the snow in Yellowstone. Their daughter, Mary, SBC '87 went to the campus in April for the Alumnae vs. Varsity Lacrosse game and the Alumnae won.

Meri Hodges Major never pauses either. A girls' week with Louise and granddaughters at Virginia Beach was followed by spring tourists and then a good Garden Week. To rest up she went with the Museum group to Nice and Provence where she discovered

ATM machines and gourmet dining. Another week at the Beach in August and then a fall retreat with friends at Figure Eight Island, just north of Wilmington, NC. All relatives and sundry hangers on came to Belle Air for Thanksgiving and she cooked turkey, wild turkey, 8 wild ducks, 3 pheasant, and 2 venison tenderloins. It was a huge success! Meri says she isn't going anywhere this year but is working very hard keeping Belle Air looking presentable and that the gardens look spectacular this year. She will close the plantation for the summer to recuperate from surgery on her right foot which is being done to repair surgery done a few years ago.

Caroline "Kobo" Chobot and Thom Garner had nice trips to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and East Carolina where they were when they first retired and also to New England. Their son, Gailor, has moved from the McCallie School to Fork Union Military Academy, which all think has been a good decision. He also went to the Mohave Desert for National Guard training and is pleased to be able to coach lacrosse now too. The Garners were here in Charleston after Christmas and we saw them briefly at my Gallery. They went to a service at the Cathedral and saw **Mary Lee McGinnis McClain**, who, you remember, lost her husband a little while ago. I noticed in our art Museum last week that Mary Lee is the sponsor of one of the major paintings in Frank's memory. We took a German guest to see the Ansel Adams exhibit which we heartily recommend if it comes your way. Mary Lee hosted, beautifully as usual, a large Sweet Briar oyster roast and party to meet our president and some students, at the wonderful McGinnis home in the country on Wadmalaw Island earlier this year. Mary Lee looked wonderful, but says she is having a very hard time moving on. Again our sympathies go out to her.

I heard from **Nancy**, now **Anne, Mary Miller** for the first time in a while. She is still active as a writer for the Boca Raton News, especially its Delray Beach edition. Their youngest daughter has three children and lives in Franklin, NC. Their other daughter, a labor/delivery nurse, lives nearby and also has three children, the youngest of whom stays with Bruce and Nancy one day a week. Their son, Scott is stationed in Bahrain as operations officer for the Persian Gulf region for the Fifth Fleet. He is to be married in the chapel at Annapolis in June 2003, where his parents were married in 1957. Having only been to SBC once since 1954, she hopes to come to reunion too.

Also heard from **Margaret Lotterhos Smith**. She and Ames celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July by taking their four children, spouses and eight and a half grand-

children to the San Luis Hotel in Galveston.

Our English member, **Joan Oram Reid** still lives in central London and keeps very busy, especially with the Benjamin Franklin House which is at last beginning its renovation, something Joan has worked towards for a very long time. In November she and Bob are hosting their fourth annual Royal Society of the Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce, which was founded in 1754, with Ben Franklin as one of the first overseas fellows. He was an active member for the 16 years he lived in London. This year's topic will be Franklin and the Media with several UK and US media moguls attending. Kobo and Thom are supporters of the Franklin House and Joan hopes some others might be interested. She says otherwise it's just work, opera, music, golf, gardening and travel, as often as she can to see the Australian grandchildren.

More on travel. **Lamar Ellis Oglesby** and Richard went with all the children, from ages five to forty, for a week in Aruba, which she highly recommends—warm breezes, no rain, friendly people, fabulous food, and the purest water on earth, with excellent diving and snorkeling. **Bev Smith Bragg** had a great summer trip to Provence, with a Mediterranean cruise ending in Malta. She also went to the International Ballet Festival, but it was closer—in Jackson, MS. She has her six grandchildren two at a time till the end of the summer. She hopes to go on the Sweet Briar trip to Viet Nam and Cambodia this winter but has to find someone to teach her SS (?) class.

Page Croyder Schenck and her still new husband also took a Mediterranean cruise last year from Istanbul through the Greek Islands. This year they drove 8000 miles all around the US, seeing **Fran Reese Peale** in upstate NY and saw the Erie canal with them. Fran is still her gorgeous youthful self—she can still be our May Queen. This was Jim Schenck's first trip to the eastern part of the country by car. He usually flies his own small plane to travel. Although retired, he still teaches math at two community colleges in El Paso.

Anne Sheffield Hale and Bradley have finished a new home on the family farm in Manago County, AL. **Vaughan Inge Morrisette** stayed with them when she came to the Alabama Archives Board meeting. Bradley is on the same board. Vaughan drives herself all over the east coast to her various meetings, chief of which I assume are still Monticello and Sweet Briar. The post office destroyed the end of Anne's message, but I can just make out "going to Italy for 2 weeks".

Nancy Hay Mahoney has moved to Wilmington, NC, and says she enjoys a pond with a fountain, geese, ducks, deer, and a red fox. I'd like that

too! **Harriette Lineberger Steele** still lives in Charlotte, but spends the summers in Blowing Rock, NC, where it is so much cooler. **Lynn Carlfon** and Mike McCaffree have given up yard work and moved into a high rise with a terrific view, in Goodwin House, a life care retirement home affiliated with the Episcopal Church. They can see the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and the well-known Masonic Temple in Alexandria. They have been made very welcome and there are so many activities they can hardly choose. They also use the excellent fitness center. They still continue with the activities they were doing before they left their home of 29 years. Lynn volunteers at the library several mornings and runs their book sales. Mike works part time at the Center for Naval Analyses and travels in that capacity all over the east coast and even to Honolulu. Their daughter in Manassas and husband have adopted a little boy from an orphanage in Russia. He is three and is a good companion for his brother, who is five. Lynn and Mike visited their other daughter in Coronado, CA, where her husband is on duty with the Naval Space and Weapons Systems Command. Their daughter goes to James Madison University.

The whole family goes to Massanutten in the Shenandoah Valley for a while in the summer. Another interesting thing they did was to go to the Naval Academy to honor the 75th reunion of the class of 1926, of which Mike's father was a member. Although no class members were present—those living are 98 now—nearly 300 of their children were there for the occasion!

Shirley Poulson Hooper Broyles and Norris were in Normandy, reliving the invasion, when the World Trade Center was bombed. They were on their way to a balloon trip in Turkey and went on because they couldn't get home anyway. Turkey was wonderful to them. They also went to Morocco for two weeks in April with the National Trust. The rest of their year sounds so much like ours that it's a wonder we didn't see each other in passing. They took a river boat trip from Amsterdam up the Rhine in July. We did that in August (Highly recommend Grand Circle for this.) Then they went to Botswana and South Africa in September. We did that in October, also including Namibia. They may spend Christmas in London. We will be here saving our money for another trip to Africa next year. Shirley and Norris went to his 50th reunion at UVA with **Kirk Tucker** (SBC '53) and Jack Clarkson and **Merrill Underwood** and Paul Barringer. Merrill's twin grandsons were used as lifesize cut-out models in the Abercrombie Fitch stores last Christmas. Shirley's granddaughter is going to UVA in the fall.

Jo Nelson Boozee has added

Meals on Wheels to her many other activities. She is appalled at the living conditions of some of the elderly in Baltimore. I see her doing something about 'the system'. She hosted her two youngest grandsons (9 and 10) in the summer and taught them how to play poker. See, we don't change! Jo and her son and daughter had their annual golfing outing in May. They went to Fairfield, PA, and had the dining room in laughter as they satisfied all the dollar a hole betting.

Our big world travelers, **Mary Ann Robb** and **Rome Freer** took a second world cruise in early 2002, but also included the south of Australia this time, and went on over to the Seychelles and on to Africa for many stops and a safari. Then across the Atlantic to Brazil and up through the Caribbean. The best part was that the MS Amsterdam was only half full so the passengers who were there were treated royally.

Ruth Sanders Smith and **Norm** are really enjoying their retirement with golf and swimming. Deciding to keep their travel in the US while some countries complain so about our country, they are going to Alaska for three weeks in August. They are lucky to have two grandchildren on the same street.

Betty Gene Orr Atkinson writes that they are fine after several surgeries, some minor and some major. She sees **Sissy Morris** and **Bill Long** and says she is looking forward to their moving 'into our O lot line'. I don't know what that means, but it sounds like they will be neighbors! They see **Peaches Davis** and **Joe Roane** too.

Ann Collins and **Bill Teachout** have had a busy year of travel, with the highlight being a two week stay in a casa on the Isle of Capri with her sister and husband. She says they were thrilled with the weather, water, food, flowers, wine, and scenery. They stayed a few days in Rome afterward. They had their annual family reunion in Yosemite. Ann is a docent in the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana and enjoys learning all about and giving tours on the many exhibits from around the world. She is very active in her church too. One of these days, Dilly will go to St. Louis and see Ann when Ann is visiting her children there—that's about as far east as she gets.

The Donohues, **Ann Thomas** and **Tom**, could feel the impact in their house of the plane hitting the Pentagon on September 11th. They still hear the guarding planes over DC and have to remember they are defensive, not offensive. They took a trip to Spain, Morocco, and Portugal earlier in the year and also went to the Centennial celebration at Sweet Briar which was impressive.

Cynthia Sinclair Rutherford and **Bill** went back to Great Britain last year to do all the things they didn't get

to do the previous year. They looked at the area in Wales Cindy's mother was from, went to see the cathedral at Wells, which they think is the most beautiful, to Brighton, and to Battle, as in of Hastings. They went to Chicago to the Merchandise Mart for selling Bill's garden bells (www.billrutherford.com) and were able to enjoy the Chicago Symphony at Ravinia. Cynthia continues to teach at Newman University as the oldest full time faculty in the division. I say, Right on!

You may have noticed how subtly I slipped in our doings of the past months into other people's paragraphs. It's always bothered me to have a lot of myself at the end. Having said that..... we do plan to try to go to southern Africa again next year—we just can't stay away and we have a lot of friends there, most of whom I have met on the Internet. I have slowed down the art shows a whole lot—only five or six this year. After my helper moved away it became too much really hard work doing all the framing and setting up the tent, etc. Next year I will probably only do the 17 day show in conjunction with the International Spoleto Arts Festival here in Charleston. It's too good to give up. I continue to spend nearly all my time on the computer. I wrote a daily art squib for Sony's Amazing site for ten months which paid wonderfully, but didn't make the cut in their reorganization. I work on my own website www.toogoodstudios.com and have also begun one for my gallery <http://pinkhousegallery.tripod.com> for you silver surfers out there. Bill is going to the Citadel taking one course at a time—finally getting to do all those English classes they didn't offer in engineering school. He's really enjoying it. We took our granddaughter to Topsail Island, NC, this summer to get to know her little California cousins. My sister, SBC '44, her family and we have been going there for several years now.

If you don't see your name here, you know why! Please continue to send me your doings. And if you hear of someone else, send that too. Get yourselves ready for reunion. It's not that far away!

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The Class of 1956 will be distressed to know of two deaths among our classmates: **Frances Gilbert Browne**, our beautiful May Queen, died July 19, 2002 of complications from a chronic lung condition. I know her husband Herb would appreciate notes to 232 Middleton Drive, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Jane Black Clark, who left SBC after two years for marriage to Navy Ensign David Clark IV, died July 20, 2002 after a brave battle against cancer off and on since 1957. Sympathy notes to her husband David may be sent to 1209 N. Bay Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Betsy Hastings

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The very best place to start is at the beginning, a philosophy I have long attributed to either Rat or Mole (Graham scholars please correct me). And obviously our starting point is The Reunion.

This may be a bit of a re-hash for many of you, but it is worth repeating. The Class of 1957 for its 45th again swept all honors and prizes for our contributions to the college. Our annual fund gift was \$151,779; class participation in giving was an extraordinary 78 per cent and Centennial giving totaled \$1.5 million. No other class came close to our giving or participation levels. We again took the Nancy Dowd Burton award for highest annual fund gift and participation. We then received the first ever Centennial award for being tops in that category.

We should all be very, very proud of ourselves, for both our generosity and continuing commitment to Sweet Briar.

Right up there with our being the Best of the Best was the opportunity to be present when **Nannette McBurney Crowdus** was named Outstanding Alumna. Nannette has worked like a navy for the college; nothing could be more appropriate than her receiving this honour.

There were 29 of us on campus for Reunion: **Marj Whitson Aude**, **Nancy Godwin Baldwin**, **Jody Raines Brinkley**, **Many Landon Smith Brugh**, **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun**, **Page Phelps Coulter**, **Nannette**, **Charlotte Heuer de Serio**, **Jane Campbell Englert**, **Janet Pehl Ettele**, **Suzanne Gipson Farnham**, **Carol McMurtry Fowler**, **Jane Pinckney Hanahan**, **Ann Frasher Hudson**, **Margery Scott Johnson**, **Aileen (Ninie) Laing**, **Lee Haskell Mack**, **Anne Ford Melton**, **Babs Falge Openshaw**, **Cynnne Wilson Ottaway**, **Virginia Marks Paget**, **Anna Chao Pai**, **Carroll**

Weitzel Rivers, **Anne Wilson Rowe**, **Sandra Stingily Simpson**, **Suzie Neblett Stephens**, **Lou Wallace Wilemon**, **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** and **Diane Duffield Wood**.

We elected new officers: **Charlotte de Serio** will preside for our 50th in 2007; I am serving as secretary.

Possibly because Reunion and the quest for Class Notes were almost simultaneous, response was down, but information was salvaged to a large extent by email. Many of you have provided the Alumnae Association with email addresses. Some addresses are old and bounced back to me. This will be the first of repeated pleas for new or updated email addresses. I can be reached at cfowler@attglobal.net. I will devise and forward an email directory, which was suggested and requested by **Mimi Chapin Plumley**, if those of you who read these Class Notes will but provide.

On to the news, leading with information from those who were unable to attend the 45th, but indicate they will be on hand when the roll is called in 2007.

Jane Best Wehland was attending a wedding in NJ, but keeps up with class news when the Washington, DC area residents get together each September; **Kay Diane Moore Bowles**, was down in Florida at her son's wedding. KD says she is out of the real estate business, but is kept hopping with multiple garden entities and her first grandchild, a precious girl. **Anne McGrath Lederer**, who lives outside Charlottesville, got advance news from **Lee Haskell Mack**, who stopped en route to reunion for lunch.

Susan Ragland Abrahamson now recovered from surgery writes that her entire family will be en suite at an Italian villa for the month of July, this trip to be followed in September by a cruise to Greece and Turkey. **Kay Tighman Lowe** and her husband will also be on that excursion; perennial junketeer **Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas**, is viewing the North Pole from the deck of a Russian icebreaker. Jane was in Scottsdale, AZ at reunion time, with her handsome fellow (the adjective is aptly used judging from their photo sent from St. Bart's).

One could throw a pin at a world map and expect to hit **Fran Childress Lee** and husband **Lewis**, who spend time in spots all over the world—Thailand, Cambodia, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Bali, Switzerland and Texas (pride requires that location be included). An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale hit when Fran and Lewis were on the 17th floor of their Taiwan hotel. Not fun, Fran observes. Much of their travel involves visits with their son **Lewis** and his family.

A splendid email from Dr. **Emily Stenhouse Richardson**, who now resides in Hume, VA, about an hour

from DC. Emily, a lost, now found, alum has led a fascinating life—a history doctorate, a college course web designer, a Fulbright fellow supervisor, overseas work in international hot spots including Sri Lanka, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo, — she avoids the rocker and is horseback again, participating in endurance riding, 50 to 100 miles a day.

Emily sent a long and newsy email, as did **Cynn timer** **Ottaway** and **Lee Mack**. I will forward any or all of these very good emails to any one of you who wishes for more details. The shorter emails are also available on request.

Another internationalist, **Mary Anne Wilson**, just retired as SBC's director of the extremely successful Junior Year in Spain program, which headquartered in Seville. Mary Anne spent her time between rural Virginia and the sophisticated Spanish city for 12 to 15 years, and will move to Madrid this fall, where her daughter and two grandsons live. Her hard work put the program on the national and international map, no mean feat. Mary Anne hopes to reprise her last summer's visit to us in Maine.

Our own **Ninie Laing** retired from SBC but never seems to get too far from campus. Ninie left reunion to fly to Ireland and lecture on Irish gardens to the Garden Club of Virginia, then returned to attend the Alumnae College course on opera.

Charlotte Heuer de Serio is working hard to put her life in order and perspective, not an easy task after being rocked by the death of her spouse Fran early in the year and six months later the totally unexpected death of her oldest son Bob. **Sandra Stingily Simpson**, Dudley Fowler and I had lunch with Char and her son Bill several weeks ago in Wiscasset, ME. Char had spent two weeks with Bill and was returning home to look for a townhouse. She agreed to serve in Fran's place and as the first woman ever as a member of the US Army War College Foundation.

Carolyn Scott Arnold is happy in Paradise; the home she and spouse Mark own has a "gorgeous" view of Diamond Head in Honolulu. Scottie has been in Hawaii for more than 15 years. Mark was on the launch team of *USA Today* (which the ubiquitous *they* said was doomed to failure), and is now retired from the Gannett news chain. Scottie and Mark each had three children when they married 21 years ago and now have 17 grands between them. Is this a class record?

Participating in a bit of Paradise with Scottie and Mark were **Sydney Graham** and **Bill Brady**, who spent about six weeks hopping it from Honolulu to Maine to visit their daughter Liz and son in law Paul and the grands at Isleford, then on to Vermont, NH and NY and finally back to Illinois.

Flo Barclay Winston was at a grandchild's christening in mid-May, which allowed her to catch her breath from personal construction projects, including completion of the second condo she and Charlie built on Amelia Island, as well as a new house at Figure Eight. Flo and Charlie turn cow-boy (ever so briefly) with their kids and grands in Montana and Wyoming.

Mimi Chapin Plumley and Allan had a trip planned to England and Scotland, which conflicted with reunion. Not hard to decide how the conflict was resolved, if you consider: SBC or Shakespeare and the English countryside. Mimi saw Nannette this winter in Boca Grande, FL and **Jackie Ambler Cusick** and Ralph who are near Mimi and Allan's place on Captiva Island.

Anne Wilson Rowe and Joe along with **Chips Chao Pai** join **Margie Scott** and Earl Johnson, and 11 members of Clan Johnson on a SBC sponsored trip to the Galapagos with a side journey to Peru and Macchu Picchu. Blue footed boobies and llamas in one tell swoop.

Teensy Wilson Woodruff, who hangs her hat in Virginia Beach, VA says she has "come out of the fog, but has nothing to report." Hardly true for a woman who excelled in public accounting, and while in retirement manages to keep her brother's books and assist choice friends with their tax returns. **Betty Murden Michelson**, who also calls Virginia Beach home, continues not to practice law, but keeps her hand in and her brain active playing bridge and working on garden club projects. And in Kansas City, **Day Gibson Kerr** allows her life is quiet and taken up with yoga, gardening and 11 grands.

From Texas, **Patricia Lodewick** who lives in Dallas reports that she is in contact with **Jan Armstrong Neuenschwander** in Houston and that they are doing long range planning for 2007. **Mary Webb Miller**, another Houston resident, got covered up with two reunions of spouse Tom, plus visits with kids and grands, and says it got too crazy to make it to Virginia. Mary and Tom are both heavily involved with the building campaign of their Episcopal church, which Mary

says is the largest Episcopal church in the country. Texas, of course.

En route to the West Coast is Colorado from which **Enid Slack** salutes forth quite regularly to interview the famous and less so for Rocky Mountain newspapers. Enid and **Marguerite McDaniel Wood** of Montgomery, AL plan a get together on Cape Cod this summer; Enid will visit far northeastern Maine, possibly mid-coast Maine where I hang out each summer.

A step further west in Arizona is **Janet Pehl Ettele** who resides in Sun City. Jan's husband died a while back,

and Jan made her first trip back to campus for reunion. She is retired and that life agrees with her. Jan did not find it a piece of cake to bridge the gap of 45 years and encourages those who have not been back to start revving up for the 50th.

And finally all the way from the West Coast, **Dagmar Halmagyi Yon** in Poway, CA did not cross the continent as she did for the 40th, but apparently enjoys not being gainfully unemployed by staying busy at volunteer work teaching kids to read and winning prizes for her roses, while longtime significant other Bud wins prizes for his orchids and volunteers at the aerospace museum restoring antique planes.

Lainy Newton Peters of Pacific Palisades, CA continues as a docent at the LA County Art Museum, engages in charity fund raising, enjoys her 15 year old grandson Liam and spends much of her time as a caregiver to spouse Gregg, who is a victim of Parkinson's disease.

Marguerite Wood joined **Sandra Simpson**, **Ruth Ellen Calhoun** and me on what Nannette dubbed the Magnolia Express for the drive from Sandra's place in Birmingham to SBC for reunion. (Don't tell me that the South won't rise again.) Anyway, Marguerite and George do lots of travelling, enjoy their 10 grands and Marguerite still has time for office holding and activities in the Colonial Dames.

Sandra continues her career in painting, and is working now towards a December exhibit. She is gathering material and fly fishing in the Canadian Rockies, studied with colorist Wolf Kahn in Sebasco, ME and visited us in Camden Rockport.

Ruth Ellen made her first trip to SBC for this reunion and like Jan Pehl found it filled with fun and friendship. Ruth Ellen is hot down in Natchez, observing the only good thing to say about the heat is that it makes cotton grow. She and her family spent time at Figure Eight and Ruth Ellen was planning to see Flo and Charlie down there.

Anne Ford Melton found reunion unusual and interesting and sends word that while the occurrence may not make Ripley's (though it should), both of her daughters-Anne Kimzey of Montgomery, AL and Rhonda Kimzey Aucamp of Fort Lauderdale, FL received the identical signal honor of Best Active Member of their respective Junior Leagues.

Lee Haskell Mack is still many years before the mast, spending much of her time sailing, including forays to New Bedford and the Newport area, will be spending time at the Cape and other watery environs. Lee says the sailing was great and that they "careened along" rather than sitting in Long Island Sound with no wind. Lee talked with **June Heard Wadsworth** at

her place on Block Island, reporting that June was truly sorry conflicts kept her from reunion.

Jane Campbell Englert, our much appreciated outgoing class secretary, took Lou Wallace and Jan Pehl back to Pennsylvania with her, where they enjoyed a Girl's Night Out with Jane's daughter, **Anne Butler Ferguson**, SBC 1984 and her granddaughter, Emily Ferguson (potential Class of 2008). During the visit Jane's spouse was taken to hospital with congestive heart failure, but Jane reports all is well and attributes the health problems to having been one of the few spouses to attend reunion and the only one to bunk in the dorm.

Stalwart **Nancy Baldwin** says SBC really operates year round with special projects, programs, Alum colleges, sports, etc. The ground floor of the new Student Commons (located behind Reid and Dew and next to Prothro Dining Hall, which did not exist in the 1950s) is scheduled to open on time in mid August when freshmen report.

Jody Brinkley says being at reunion was news enough. The Outspoken One continues to golf around the country and might make it to Maine.

One of **Cynn timer** **Ottaway's** granddaughters is planning to attend Bates College in Maine this fall (this Down East connection is getting incredible). With the grand tucked safely away, Cynn timer and daughters Allison and Elizabeth (SBC 1982) are visiting Hungary and Russia (by river barge from Moscow to St. Petersburg). Cynn timer is spending the summer in Michigan, but volunteering in the "Out of the Darkness" suicide prevention fund raising walk from Fairfax, VA to DC, a 26 mile trek. Cynn timer raised more than \$7,500 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Our own special published poet **Page Phelps Coulter** is building a writing house, large enough to host workshops, on her New Hampshire property. Page adds, in fact, she is moving to NH, so if you are strolling through the White Mountains, she is underneath them in Center Sandwich-Top of the World Road. It might be wise to check for a better address, but then I don't know much about NH.

Diane Duffield Wood says summertime is for staying put and playing golf in Oak Brook; her Dallas family spent time with her and enjoyed being out of the Texas floods. In the fall Duffy and **Babs Falge Openshaw** are going to Austria, and when she returns from that trip, she heads for Vegas. **Jane Hanahan Pinckney** will spend Christmas in New Zealand, with daughter Anne Hanahan Pinckney and her spouse, Dr. Walter (Bo) Blessing who will be working with a surgeon in Auckland. Anne just completed her masters in English Lit at Tulane and is working towards her doctorate.

Nannette's entire family, spouse Bill, their children, grands, sister and brother were on hand when Nannette received some of her just desserts from SBC. Nannette continues as chair of planned giving, and is working a couple of days a week in the development office giving them a hand working with charitable trusts. Nannette and Bill have a splendid home in Madison, VA, spend a month on the west coast of Florida each winter and a goodly part of the summer in Michigan.

I wind down almost eight years on the Board next July. I loved having served with **Nannette, Jody** as she was departing, **Flo** and **Anne Rowe** currently. Sold one riverboat, have another available for any interested buyer. We closed on a new house while spending the summer here in Maine. New address is 10 Woodstone Square, Austin, TX 78703. Dudley gets to stay the entire summer this year. Sonnet the Golden Retriever and I love having him to hang out with.

Send those email addresses. We will be in the winter issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* henceforth unless there is a groundswell for change.

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Greetings to all of us from many of us! We seem to be in various stages of working, retiring, creating, moving, building, traveling and loving grandchildren.

Betty Forsyth Harris received her doctorate in History of Art in May, 2000. She taught at W&L fall semester 2001. Betty is currently serving as chair of the acquisition committee of SB's Friends of Art and encourages us all to join Friends to support what is becoming a fine collection. Speaking of art, **Patricia Russell Howard** exhibited her watercolors painted in Newfoundland last summer. Patricia has since had cataract surgery and reconstructive surgery on both feet. As Patricia says, "Next time I go on a painting expedition, I'll have sharp eyesight and feet strong enough to

clamber over those Newfoundland rocks." **Keating Griffiss** has also returned to painting- oil and water-color. I visited Keating in Lookout Mountain in April for our yearly nursery hunt for the perfect plants.

The wedding of **Ann Smith Bretscher's** daughter in May provided a gala mini reunion for **Becky Towill McNair, Barbar Bowen Moore, and Carolyn King Ratcliffe** and their husbands. The reception was held in Ann's garden which from all reports was spectacularly beautiful. Ann and Bob plan a summer SB trip to the Galapagos. Barbar allows that life is good and she and Clay are in a "simplify" mode. According to Becky, the McNairs are working on a SB team with 6 granddaughters, "each a source of great joy".

Another mini reunion happened at Monteagle, TN, at **Sissy Winslett Richardson's** mountain home. Those present, **Liz Few Penfield, Jane Ellis Covington, Norma Pattenon Mills, Margot Saur Myers, Ginger Newman Blanchard, Katie Mendelson McDonald, and Teddy Hill** enjoyed lots of laughs and memories of—speech therapy classes (!), escapades in Reid and Grammer, the Rammages, Tommies, judicial "infractions" et al. Margot was headed for Corfu the next day with a promise to leave a note hidden for Liz and Teddy when they arrive in October en route to Venice and the Ionian Islands. Meanwhile, Teddy and Liz and children, grandchildren and friends enjoyed July in Africa. Liz continues her custom safaris and does some consulting on textbooks. Katie has returned to the US from Hong Kong and now resides in Palm Beach.

Barbara Beam Denison and **George** have a busy fall travel time planned: September in Tuscany, and October in Captiva, FL with children and grandchildren. Their oldest daughter will celebrate her 40th in November in the Berkshires with Beam and George present.

Linda Sims Newmark and **Margot McKee** were able to do lunch on Linda's trip through Philadelphia in May. Linda joined **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** and me and our families for Nina's and my grandson William's first birthday. What fun it is to share a grandbaby with Nina! Nina and Bill led a tour successfully and safely in Israel last spring.

Alice Jones Torbett and her brothers sold the newspaper business that had been in their family 67 years. As she says, though it meant retirement for her—the only difference is in the commitments. Alice's mother is 90, living on her own in Johnson City, TN, and Alice visits regularly. She and her husband have enjoyed international travel and international visitors through his Rotary Club. Their three children, though often moving, all live on the eastern half of the US.

"Isn't retirement wonderful?" writes **Betsy Buechner Morris**. She volunteers as a mediator for the Supreme Court of MA and writes for the sailing press. This summer she and Monty biked and kayaked in Alaska. **Lura Coleman Wampler** is psyched after a chemistry workshop so may delay retirement for a while. Lura has managed to see her 18 month old granddaughter who lives in DC at least once a month and cherishes those times. While in Cape May, NJ, Fred and Lura discovered the chef at their hotel to be **Sue Styer Cahill's** son Leif. As Sue would say, "Can you believe it?" Proud new grandmother of Reid Malcolm, her son Greg's first, **Judy Cowen Jones** is looking forward to her 50th Grammar School reunion in Oct. After that event, she and Mac will head to Cape Cod with friends. **Eleanor Crosby Erdman** sends news of her son Ian Sinclair's marriage to Stephanie Houghton in St. Helena, CA. The newlyweds have left the west coast and transferred jobs and home to Westport, CT, happily closer to Ellie in ME. Son Jay Sinclair lives in Atlanta. Ellie and David had their annual family week at his family home in Edgartown MA which included 7 grownups, 6 children under 7 and 3 baby sitters. To the rescue came **Diana Muldaur Dozier** and Robert who, in the interest of SLEEP and proximity, invited Ellie and David to stay with them. Ellie says it was great fun to "luxuriate in her newly renovated home." Ellie loves her life on the coast of Maine and sailing their Hinckley in Penobscot Bay in summertime.

Melissa Meyers Gibbs has many volunteer/board commitments in NYC including: St. Luke's/ Roosevelt Hospital, NY Public Library, Order of St. John, Manhattan Plaza AID Program, Praxis Housing Initiatives & Episcopal Social Services. Summer finds her in Sun Valley. Melissa has a 13 yr. old granddaughter.

Janet Holmes Rothard is looking forward to retirement in 2003. She says 30 years as a working woman is enough! Plus, Janet has four grandchildren and never enough time to spend with them. She is still breeding and showing dogs.

Charity Paul caught up with **Kadri Niider, Norris Smith** and **Gale Young Walker** and David on a long lovely evening in the Village in late May. Charity continues to ride in Montauk and participate in the Chamber Music Festival in Bridgehampton. She visits Hampstead, UK in August and has hopes of seeing **Elsie Burch Donald** and finding out about her second novel following *Nashboro*.

Several of you have mentioned Elsie's impressive book and if you haven't read it, do. Phyz and I were delighted to attend a book signing/talk she presented here in Atlanta at Margaret Mitchell House. **Lee Cullum**

writes that she is working on a biography of Dorothy Day. Lee continues as a contributing columnist at the *Dallas Morning News*. She gave the commencement address at the University of Puget Sound in May and received an honorary degree as well. Granddaughters Lili, 5 and Annabel, 3 and one on the way are close by. **Rhett Ball Thagard's** daughter, Beverly Edens, has moved to Dallas, and her husband Chip is a priest at Lee's church. **Carol Barnard Ottenberg** continues some part time university work, but enjoys a little tennis, bridge and gathering eggs from her urban hens! She and Simon spent some lively time in ME at their family summer place with four generations under one roof. They plan to visit Alaska's back country with a trip to Denali National Park. **Jane Tatman Walker's** time is focused on care of her mother whose health is fragile. Frank and Jane relish having most of their families nearby in Indy. They are hoping to take the American Oriental Express in October. **Elizabeth Meade Howard** has finished her documentary about a 107 year old teacher and is continuing to interview the "over 75 set" for a possible book. She and **Suzanne Reitz Weinstein** spent some time together when Suzi was visiting her stepdaughter in Virginia. Elizabeth also enjoyed a quick reunion with Gale Young Walker who was en route back to Vancouver after being in Williamsburg.

The census count of **Patti Powell Pusey** and Bill's family currently stands at 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 grand horse, and 4 grand dogs. Fifteen family members will attend a Seattle niece's wedding with 8 grands participating! In what may become a tradition, Patti and Beam will again play in an annual Ladies Day golf outing. Within 6 weeks time, **Louise Phinney Caldwell** and her husband sold their home of 36 years, moved, and became grandparents for the first time. Scarlett Phinney Jackson was born to actress daughter Jane Caldwell and Alex Jackson. From now on, Louise plans to do less fund raising and more doting. **Lee Cullum's** daughter-in-law is Scarlett's god-mother. **Barbara Murphy Hale** has treasured several recent sailing trips; particularly a nine day cruise with son John and his wife Siobhan from Tampa to Dry Tortugas to Key West and back. As Barbara says, she is truly happy on a sailboat. It was great fun to catch up with **Heidi Wood Huddleston** while she and Joe were in Atlanta for a legal convention. The Huddlestons have had a year of extensive travel with special time spent in Vienna where their daughter Kristina's husband is from. At present, Heidi's three daughters live within a few hours. Luckily, the daughter with the children (12 & 8), lives in town so the Huddlestons are able to make the

most of that. Heidi and her partner own a Medical-Legal Consulting business where they prepare the medical portion of cases going to trial. From the beach at Santa Monica, **Annie Laurie Martin Carleton** describes an idyllic day. Both of her married daughters live nearby and one has a son in middle school. **Isabel Ware Burch** and Bob have both joined the retired ranks and are looking forward to their new home in Williamsburg. They stayed with **Lynn Adams Clark** ('61) while they were house hunting. Isabel's daughter Margaret and family live in Westwood MA, her son Allen and wife live in Philadelphia, and son Charlie and his wife Anne are in San Francisco. **Sandy Schuhmacher Lawrence** is also moving. Leaving San Antonio, she and Jay are building a house in Houston. They had decided to live near their grandchildren so are moving to the closest one to them. Daughter Sharon lives there with a baby girl "on whom we can dote". Their other children live in Denver and Phoenix.

I have enjoyed reading to children in the Reader to Patient program at Scottish Rite Children's hospital. My four years of EFM study has come to an end but we students have decided to add a post graduate year—so back to the books. Thank you all for your cards and e-mails; it's wonderful to hear from you. Keep 'em coming! Ann

Our heartfelt sympathies and love go out to **Joyce Cooper Toomey** and **Suzanne Reitz Weinstein** on the loss of their husbands this year.

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Signs are pointing towards a great 40th reunion May 16-18, 2003!!! I've had more replies than usual and many unseen in recent years, e.g. **Judy Gutches Needham**, are promising to be there. Judy was just re-elected to the school board and stays busy with service and travel for many local boards. **Nerissa Vom Baur Roehrs** plans to be with us and I'm trying to set up a concert so that we can hear

her perform some of her musical compositions. She continues to study music, now under the tutelage of the dean of the conservatory in Leipzig. Her daughter Marina is studying physics at St. Andrew's U. **Betty Stanly Cates** swears that **Penny Pamplin Reeves** will be at reunion. Betty is off to Angkor Wat in Cambodia with the SBC Indochina tour. A refreshing note from **Susie Scott Noell Robinette** who thinks we are about to have a 30th reunion. I'll have to break the bad news to her. She wants to re-establish contact with classmates via e-mail, lamarsusan@mindspring.com. She remarried in 1993 and lives on a 35-acre farm in the Appalachian foothills near Clemson U, from which her husband has just retired. She's retired from real estate but retooled for Architectural Engineering and botany. She enjoys her flower and vegetable gardens, watercolors and horses.

Betsy Parker McColl reminds us that the beauty and tranquility of our campus are welcome in these turbulent times. She just came in 5th at the Senior Women's Grass Court Tournament at Forest Hills in July. **Prue Gay Stuhr** and husband Ed found the campus seemingly deserted that fateful Sept. 11 when they happened to drive through. Prue has retired after 38 years of "mostly rewarding" social studies teaching, and can now devote more time to their Dalmatians.

From **McNair Currie Maxwell**: "Let's have a terrific turnout for our 40th reunion. Plan to come and call up your friends now. You don't need to have ever come before. Yes, we will recognize you and everyone is a welcome part of the group. I look forward to each reunion as soon as the last one is over. It's a terrific high and fabulous." Her son Reynolds is getting married in NC next May to Sunny Durack who grew up in Durham. **McNair, Jane Goodridge** and **Jean Meyer Aloe** have agreed to manage our reunion gift. Please give what you can! Jean traveled to China and Scotland last year, and to a poetry workshop at the U of IA. Unfortunately, a suitcase falling upon her shoulder from an airplane overhead rack required surgery soon afterwards. One daughter has received her doctorate in Clin. Psych, and the other, a researcher at Wyeth, has had a baby.

Ellis Beasley Long has been promoted to full professor of Spanish at Thomas Nelson Community College, where she chairs the foreign language department. **Margaret Millender Holmes** and husband Tom have both retired and wonder how it can be that they can't find the time to travel having been given an extra 10 hours a day.

Lots of news from **Lea Osborne Angell**, who also plans to attend

reunion. All four children live within 4.5 hours' drive. Son Jennifer and husband live in Ithaca, where he teaches at Cornell's Sch. of Business. Lea's son works at Chase in NYC and married a teacher. The couple will soon move to NJ, even closer to Lea. Daughter Jessica works at St. Martin's Press while completing an MA in Eng. Lit. at Harvard. Daughter Sarah finished at Hobart/Wm. Smith, and made All-American as a sailor. She'll spend next year in France teaching English to French schoolchildren. Lea is an arts consultant and suffered her own bout of merger shakeout when client Nabisco was acquired by Kraft, which shut down the museum which Lea and her group managed. But she has irons in the fire and some other smaller jobs.

Some, like **Ann Funkhouser Strife-Kurz**, make noises about cutting back, but we'll believe it when we see it. Ellis Long has just been promoted to full professor of Spanish.

Cynthia Hubard Spangler says retirement from a long career at FedEx "is looking better and better." She spent her 60th birthday in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, renting a house and inviting family and friends to come visit. She's enjoying having her son and his family, including two children, back from Australia and living in Nashville.

Sue Cansler Jones retired in March and husband Charles will soon follow suit. Their three grands, including twins, moved to NJ so keeping up with them isn't as easy as before. They're off to Galapagos at the end of summer, after Sue joins **Laura Lee Brown Wilson, Ginger Cates Mitchell, Mary Groetzingher Heard** and **Lyn Clark Pegg** for a mini-reunion in Minnesota. I heard from Ginger that the reunion was a huge success with usual comparing of the joys of grandchildren and the "handling the aches and pains of 60 pretty well." Mitch has just retired and they're celebrating with a two-week trip to France in the fall. Laura Lee was off on a photo safari to Kashmir in June, which she admits was "somewhat ill-timed." Other trips to Russia and Europe were planned for fall, working around the birth of a 2nd. The buffalo farm continues to prosper.

Another photographer, **Pat Calkins Wilder** says that her business, Light Images, is "whirling along and brings the incredible joy in life, and an awareness of everything around me that I might have missed if I were not looking for images in every daily situation." Her children are in Seattle and Scotland.

Nancy McDowell is in the "busier than ever" category with a new office, 6 grandchildren and a successful recovery from surgery. She too plans to be at reunion. Also in that category is **Barbara Rockefeller Bartlett**, who enjoys the travel and visiting opportu-

nities following John's retirement. Both sons work in Washington.

Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch had an unforeseen yearlong family reunion. Hurricane Allison wiped out their son's home so he and his wife, the two children and two cats moved in with Ann and Bill. "Everyone rose to the occasion, but we now treasure the memory & our peace & quiet," says Ann. She and Bill still team-teach Biblical conflict resolution.

Judy Kay Alsbaugh Harrison writes from Shelbyville, KY, that she regularly enjoys the racing season with **Janet Hiestand Koller** and **Ann Clute Obenshain**

Valerie Elbrick Hanlon has bought and refurbished an apt. in Paris in the 7th arrondissement. There are 12 restaurants on the 2-blk street, which is a block and a half from the Quai d'Orsay. She rents to friends so get to know her! One son builds wooden boats in Maine and one is in 2nd year of law school at CUNY.

Sallie Yon Williams is doing better healthwise and can once again travel. She makes frequent trips to NYC to visit son Whitredge and his wife. Younger son is also there, doing an MBA at NYU. Sallie stays in close contact with **Barbara Yocum Miller**.

Nikki Griess Deupree enjoys her "international family," with an English son-in-law and a daughter-in-law of Chinese heritage. Nikki has become re-involved in the antiques business, now that she has retired from real estate. By coincidence, at an antique show in Nashville last February, her old SBC roommate **Lucetta Gardner Mannion** walked into her booth.

Betsy Beale still sells real estate, in town and country, in the Richmond area and continues to maintain her "zoo of abandoned animals."

Lee Kucewicz Parham just returned from a "fabulous French immersion in Trois-Rivières, Québec," where she had not a care in the world and made great new friends in a gorgeous part of the world.

Julia Fort Lowe's son Bob was married last spring to Angela, a nurse from Cleveland, where Bob is an orthopedic surgery resident. Joining in the celebration were **Jessica Bemis Ward, Mary Trabue Meyer, Randy Kendig Young**, and **Patsy Carney Reed**, SBC '62. Son Seth lives in Nashville and is a tech supporter for Dell.

I was terribly saddened that **Barbara Noojin Walthall**, with whom I went through school in B'ham and 2 years at SBC, lost her courageous five-year bout with breast cancer at the end of June.

John plans to retire at the end of this academic year. We will spend part of each year in Mexico, continuing volunteer work there, and the rest of the time at our cabin in the Wind River Mountains (which we will begin to refer to as a "house" once our

remodeling for a little more room and a few more amenities is complete). But there still will be no winter access other than by skis or snowmobile.

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I, Keenan, send apologies to all who tried to email me. You were sent an address that is several years old by now! Believe me, it would have been easier for me, too, if it had worked. In the future, for either Penn or myself, the email will be correct!

I send thanks to all of you who did respond. One of these days we will get it together to call up some of our more shy or elusive classmates. But for this month, I will simply pass on the news as I received it, without much editing or editorializing!

It has been a hard summer for **Penn Willets Fullerton**, as her Mother passed away in July. She and her family gathered for a memorial and ash-scattering at her Mom's home in Tucson. Penn not only organized the gathering, created the bulletin, wrote a poem; she was able to lead the service itself. I was disappointed not to be there with her; but I was honored that I could help her via phone and FAX, with service outline and suggested prayers and scripture. It is such a blessing to live close by a cherished college roommate. Fortunately, Penn can look forward to a first grandchild, a boy, arriving to her son and his wife in September.

By the time this arrives, the four roommates (Penn, myself, **Susan Sudduth Hiller** and **Jane Nelson**) will have rendezvoused in San Francisco. Penn and Keenan live in the Bay area, and now so do Susan's daughter, Penn and her husband, Elton — and their brand new baby girl, Katie. Susan will be coming frequently for her Grandma-fix, and Jane came for vacation just because the four of us had not been together for a long time.

We find that as we age, we have even more to talk about; that our journeys complement each other and that there is much to learn from one other. We also find memory-sharing to be great fun, as our selective memories recall (or forget) different things!

Grandchildren are a new and thrilling part of the lives of many of us. I myself have a two-year-old who lives near Seattle (of course he is wonderful and smart and adorable!) and I find myself quite jealous of the "other" grandparents who live up there. **Diana Rediker Slaughter** sums it up: "We just had our first grandchild—a beautiful baby boy. This is so much fun!"

Julie Whitehurst MacKinlay has two daughters both expecting children early in November, so she will get a double whammy. Who to visit first? Her third daughter will be getting married in June, and her fourth daughter is spending next year in Austria on a Fulbright. Julie and Ed find their own time together either at their carriage house in Virginia Beach or at their farm outside of Lexington, VA.

Marcia Pace Lindstrom has a new granddaughter born to her oldest son and wife in Tampa, FL on Valentine's Day (joining a three-year-old brother). Her other sons are in Palm Springs and Atlanta, and her stepson is a chef at The Cloister. It is revealing that in her note, the only actual names she mentioned were of the grandchildren: Sarah Jane and Christopher!

Susie Wilson Ashcom comments on how fascinating it is to watch genetics play out in her three grandchildren. She sees her children in them all the time. Susie is happily selling horse farms around Warrenton and caring for their own 30 cows, 7 horses, a dog and a donkey! Her husband has a second book coming out this fall, and they soon celebrate 38 years of marriage!

Evie Day Butler writes about Quinn, their "precious six-year-old grandson," and Quinn's new sister, Mariana, the first girl in the family. "I am in pink heaven," she says. Their Dad, Lee, is finishing his B.A. in hopes of then attending Episcopal Seminary. Son Geoff Jr. was married over Labor Day (the first shall be last) and is a firefighter with a brand new Masters in Fire Management. Son William, married two years, works for Stevens Investment in Little Rock, AR. Geoff is able to telecommute; he and Evie divide time between Fort Worth and Angel Fire with an occasional trip to Florida. "It's a good time in our lives and for all the boys."

Tia Campbell McMillan and Bob had their first grandchild, a son, born 6/20/02. Evan and parents (daughter Julia and son-in-law Simon) live in Burlingame, CA, and son Andrew and daughter-in-law Kaki live in San Francisco, so Tia and Bob should be out here more often. We must try for

a mini-reunion! (Penn and I both live just north of SF, I work in SF). Third child.

Tyler, is in Washington, DC. Tia and Bob "work hard and travel a good bit."

Mary Anne Calhoun Farmer says, "Tom and I are fine, traveling when we can, and spending time relaxing at our Tybee beach house near Savannah. We have 2 grandsons in Richmond, VA (our oldest, Marnie, and husband Mathew). Harriet (second daughter) and Scott enjoy kayaking and biking in Breckenridge, CO. And youngest Katharine, at Morgan-Keegan in institutional sales, just ran a marathon for diabetes down in Big Sur!"

Others of us are not yet at the grandparent stage. **Suzy Moseley Helm** says, "Still no daughters-in-law on the horizon." However, her boys are fine: Pen is happy in Idaho and Ted is back in Boston working as a therapist. Suzy and Nelson have just completed another "fabulous summer" in Chautauqua, NY. **Clare Loyd Davison** muses, "It is nice to have reached an age when I have a little time and attention for myself and my husband even though we are still a few years from real retirement." She took the summer off from teaching and enjoyed several domestic trips to visit friends. "We found Maine had almost as many lobster pots as the Chesapeake has crab pots—makes for interesting sailing." One of her daughters is married, living in Connecticut; the other is starting grad school at Catholic University in Washington, DC.

Penny Skeetee Sidor notes that husband Mike has retired, but she still does taxes. They have just downsized to a townhouse and work on it between tennis and golf games. One son graduated law school and is with a firm in the Chicago loop, the other graduated college last year and has just left for Guatemala with the Peace Corps.

Andrea Pearson Pennington also had a daughter graduate this year (University of Alabama in English and Journalism). Her younger daughter completed her first year there and was inducted into Freshman honorary. Andrea continues as a Court Referee (judge) in Juvenile Court and AI is still practicing law in Mobile. But they found time to take the whole family to Paris in May. "Still enjoying every day at 57!" Enterprising **Muriel Wikswa Lamberf** took her bounced email and fedex-ed it to me! She has had a busy year as daughter Anastasia graduated cum laude from Dartmouth (major in Psychology, minor in Studio Art). Phelps is a sophomore at Cornell University planning to major in Molecular Biology. Peter will be a junior in high school, currently interested in physics. Muriel's research on Fanconi anemia goes well. She sandwiches papers and grant requests between teaching and meetings. And

she now works with several grad students and postdocs plus a lab technician. Clark's research has brought him a number of overseas patients. They have just bought a vacation house (which they rent out) on Nags Head with 8 bedrooms, rec room, pool table, hot tub, swimming pool, elevator etc. "It was a real experience turning a house, top to bottom, in a short period of time."

Cherry Brown Peters writes "I'm still working with computers at the bank, only now it's called Suntrust. We live in an era of consolidations! Charles is retired and has joined more than a dozen nonprofit boards. Trey, our son, is following his dad into city planning. All are well and happy." David and **Nancy Conkle Swann** enjoy retirement in two very different locales: beach and tropics in winter (an island 7 miles offshore from Ft. Myers) and Asheville NC mountains in the summer. "We feel most fortunate! We are busy serving on boards, traveling a lot, and enjoying family and friends."

Jeannine Corbett Squires' husband Jay is retired from Pathology practice in Asheville, NC, and they have moved full-time to her hometown, Wilmington, NC. They have completed their new house and they love having the boat dock right out front with an 18½ foot Scout tied to it! Her daughters are both engaged and will be married this year—yikes! Perhaps her three sisters who all live nearby will be able to help! **Rab Willis Thompson** is now a retired professor of mammalian genetics. She has remarried, still has her home in Columbia SC, but also lives in northern Virginia where her husband George lives. She is willing to help fellow alums with career guidance or relocation information in her area(s). **Martha Madden Swanson** and David are still working in Georgetown. Son Michael is in Manassas, VA, and daughter Sarah is working in London for a theater company. Annual visits to London allow them to see lots of shows!

Lee Mackubin Miller writes that she and Rick are "empty nesters" but enjoy having their children for frequent long visits. After 25 years in Atlanta, Lee is anxious and yet excited about an anticipated move "north and to the water" soon. Atlanta is too congested! She ends her note: "We thank God every day for our health and marriage."

Sally Kalber Fiedler is feeling the sandwich generation stuff, caught between parents and kids. Daughter Julie is still in NYC, working and traveling, son Lee received his MBA from Darden (UVA); he and wife Caryn have moved to Minneapolis. Jay is still working too many hours, no where close to retiring, but they get away every few months. The fall trip was to Provence!

Grace Butler Johnson's husband Jotham sent to the Alumnae Office a nice photo of Grace, Susan Snodgrass Wynne '72 and Barbara Smith Young '73 taken in Oxford, England in June 2002. All three were attending a Princeton University Conference on globalisation

at Oxford University and suddenly made the Sweet Briar connection!

As for me, I continue to be alternately awed and overwhelmed by my work! I have been ordained six years now, and have been a solo pastor in S.F. for nearly four years. I have learned much about faith and trust and prayer! Son Sean is completing three years in the Army; and it takes my breath away to watch my daughter Megan as a Mom. I have very little social life these days, but I have recently become a blond to see if it's more fun!

Keep the news coming, friends. These ties are one of the benefits of a small women's college.

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Very ironic that I (Jill) who have rarely replied on alumna updates, and shame on me, am now in the position of having to write them. Just desserts, as they say. First of all, kudos to **Sarah vonRosenberg** who recently concluded her term as Class Secretary. Sarah....Big Shoes, Girl. I'll do my best.

Sarah missed us at Reunion but writes that she and husband Stan Smoote are very much enjoying a new house and property on the San Bernard River south of Houston near the Gulf of Mexico (1/2 hr by jet ski!). With plenty of room for visitors, she says to feel free to call if any of you are ever her way. Son Charlie (26) and his wife Mandy expect their first child in August. Charlie is a financial analyst with BB&T (Branch Bank and Trust) in Asheville, NC, and Mandy is head women's basketball coach at Mars Hill. Son Will (23) graduated from Vanderbilt and is staying in Nashville to explore possibilities in the music business.

Lots of partying at Reunion with a small but fun group. We may not look exactly the same, but we still look goood, and, boy, can we dance. It's nice to reach an age where you can just have fun without the worrying about what your spouse, companion, children, or friends think!

At the midnight hour on Saturday following our after-dinner gathering in Randolph, **Mary Heller** pulled out her cell phone and suggested we start calling those who weren't in attendance. Some of you on the East Coast were spared since we were somewhat aware of the time. We did try **Culler Bellows**, **Louise Martin**, and **Ginger Upchurch**. Their children were not impressed.

Others didn't answer, some numbers were wrong (or else we couldn't see to dial), but we did manage to get **Libby Wann** just in from a dinner party. Did you know she's written three books? I found one.

Chattanooga: Delivering the Dream, on Amazon.com. Libby, Honey, give us the scoop next time so we can boost those sales!

We also tried **Cleveland Hall** who's in Seattle now. Lucky Girl....we only got her voice mail.

Mary Heller, **Karen Medford**, **Eileen Gebrian** and I made Reunion an excuse for a road trip. As usual, Mary had everything organized....from the Cadillac to the picnic with wine plus reserves for weekend snacks. Mary, who is probably ready to retire from NIH by now, spends a lot of time with family in Atlanta. With a brother working and living in Europe (first Brussels, now London), Mary and her mother have traveled quite a bit to visit the continental side of the family.

Karen has also made quite a few European trips, including a 6-month stint in Paris a couple of years ago.

She heads off for another Italian adventure in September, planning Verona for Juliet's birthday, and Secret Trails at the Doges Palace and tour of San Michele, Venice's funeral island. I can attest that it's a well-deserved vacation having just seen all the renovations and furnishing of her recently purchased cottage in Annapolis. She's certainly got a flair for it....Mary Heller and I have often enjoyed visiting Karen

in her spectacular Rehoboth beach cottage.

Eileen invited us to continue the road trip to her new beach house on Nantucket, but we had to take a rain check. Eileen's older daughter Sophie is off to CU Boulder, while Lili (15) will be a sophomore in high school in Concord, MA. Eileen writes this is the first alumna card she's ever returned (let that be an inspiration!), saying she considers having the time to renew old friendships at Reunion one of the privileges of being over 50!

Jeanie Mann Hardesty laughed and danced well at Reunion. She and Ben are enjoying their somewhat empty nest with son Ashby (16) home for the summer from St. Andrew's. Daughter Margaret (24) enjoys the "real" world in Charlotte and daughter Gary (22) is toiling at the AbarA Ranch in Wyoming.

Among the other party animals, **Jeannette Pillsbury** writes that even though she's had a good year, it was really great to be with friends who knew you back when.... **Dale Shelly Graham** and **Kathy Keys Graham** (unrelated, but isn't it cute!) were their usual fun selves. Dale is on my list, since she nominated me to be Class Sec. She and James are in Potomac, MD, when James isn't off working in Europe. Daughter Lily is heading into 8th grade and son Fielding into 9th. Dale enjoyed a cooking class in Provence last Spring sans husband and otherwise stays busy with carpools, running school auctions and other charity events. Keys is an impressive antiques connoisseur in Birmingham, AL, and as charming as ever.

From the Fredericksburg contingent, **Janet (Hulla) Nelson Gibson** spent the summer in school, planning to start a new career teaching biology. She and Joe Joe have the cutest little boy. **Carter Frackelton**, inexhaustible SBC alumna and volunteer, is still working hard at the family concrete business. She usually spends several summer weeks at her Adirondacks camp. Not too long ago she traveled with her sister-in-law and niece to Paris and also jaunted to Italy with a nephew. Somehow, Carter still finds time to donate time to lots of organizations and maintains the best SBC contact list I've ever seen.

Martha Holland thanks all who contributed to the reunion gift. She

writes that the great thing about being a reunion co-chair (she calls it gift nagger) was talking to everyone, including some classmates she hadn't been in contact with in almost 30 years. That part was fun! Otherwise, Life in D.C. is good. Oldest child, Katherine, will be a junior at Wesleyan University in the fall. Elizabeth will be a senior and Paul a sophomore at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, MD. She says husband Chris Irlbe works, and she loafs, but she neglected to mention how hard she toils with a number of volunteer organizations, plus all her SBC efforts.

Susan Waller Nading has been gallivanting all over the world with husband Alex. She always seems to be on the go, from Italy to Tahiti. In the U.S., they spend time in Birmingham, AL and Highlands, NC. Alex is still practicing urology and finds time to golf, fish, hunt birds, and sail. Susan often joins him for golf or gardens, walks, reads and volunteers at church. Daughter Murray (25) is a CPA in Birmingham. Son Alex (23) graduated from UVA and is headed off for grad school in anthropology. Son Will (20) is at W&L.

Admitting we're still quite a group, **Eliza Walbridge** said it was good to see everyone after 30 years. She enjoys running her horse farm and advocating holistic care for horses. Eliza's back in southeastern PA after several years out west and is happy to be closer to her family. She's looking forward to much community service.

Betty Morlice drove up from Reidsville, NC, where she's just moved into a new apartment and is working on unpacking. She's made the jump to computer classes and will soon be keeping us up to date via email. Betty was a volunteer at the Chinqua-Penn Plantation until its recent closing. She jokes that I ought to buy it and have a wedding there. Parts of *Lolita* and *The Music of Chance* were filmed at the plantation.

Still in Virginia Beach, "Susie Suburbia" **Susan Snodgrass Wynne** is still very much involved with the Ronald McDonald House and Garden Club. Husband John retired this year and is putting all his vast energies and talent into volunteer work both in and out of state. Oldest son John is heading to UVA's Darden Business School after 4 years of investment banking in NY. Youngest, Brad, is a junior of Princeton and is a big lacrosse player.

Of those attending Reunion who didn't write (ouch!)....our "forever president" **Marion Walker** (Thank you, thank you!) is still the same wonderful, sassy, talented character and attorney in Birmingham. **Ginny B Payne Sasser** needs to go to Australia to see her daughter in school, so says husband Flip, but she's too busy with her farms near Fredericksburg, VA. Though she did manage to get away to Normandy with Flip's family. **Kathy**

Upchurch Takvorian was also dancing up a storm at Reunion. She and Eileen live near each other in Concord, MA. **Ginny Stevens Purcell**, in Richmond, was a funny companion at the banquet/dance...still that same big smile. Col. **Cecilia Albert** (USAF) is looking forward to retirement but worried about getting bored. **Marty Neill Boney** was chauffeured by charming husband Bill, who kindly went off camping and left Marty all to us girls. **Mary Sue Morrison Thomas** brought her mother to the festivities and I think they both enjoyed the trip.

Our condolences to **Barbara Tessin Derry**, who lost her mother a few days before Reunion. We missed Barb. Bill is still practicing law in Richmond, VA. Barb works at the Lower School Library at Collegiate School, where Will (17) is a senior and Alice (15) is a sophomore. All are looking forward to the onslaught of college applications and drivers ed.

Deborah Hallings had hoped to join us, but unexpected family obligations called Michael and Deb away. She writes they have a new Maltese puppy named Alex now that they're empty nesters. Christopher is transferring to the School of Music at Belmont University in Nashville and worked in Charleston, South Carolina this summer. Michael has gotten the urge to surf again so he is weight training after work to get in shape. Deb was in France this spring, visiting family and friends around Nice.

Michael and Deb just came back from a weekend at the beach with **May May Bryan Gay** and her family. They hope to plan a mini reunion in Virginia with **Bev Horne Dommerich** and others. Bev and John are celebrating their 28th anniversary this year. Young John, who is gorgeous, is a senior in high school. He's a basketball player and girls call all the time. Little Stephen is in 8th grade, also good looking and growing by the minute....wears size 12 shoes and 5' 9". Bev still lives in Ft Myers but on the river now. They are fortunate to have a beautiful home, two boats in the back yard and can watch the boys skiing in the river before dinner. Life is good!! She plays tennis a lot, volunteers as treasurer of the Athletic Booster Club, almost a full time activity, plus does car-pool duty.

Susan Desmet Bostic had to miss reunion while recuperating from rotator cuff surgery. Luckily there weren't any fears that had to be repaired and she's now in physical therapy- hoping to get on the tennis courts soon. Susan and husband Gordon are in Shrewsbury, NJ, where Gordon continues to work for MTA, Inc. doing software development. On the side he coaches soccer, but unfortunately daughter Rosalie will no longer be on any of his teams. She will be a freshman at Gettysburg College in the fall. Susan continues to teach first grade

and is looking forward to retiring in 3 or 4 years. It is hard to believe that she's been teaching for 27 years.

After almost 5 years in Michigan, **Nancy Hagar Bruetsch** moved to Albuquerque, NM. Due to the economic slump, Nancy's position as Training Manager for the General Motors accounts for Pinkerton Security was eliminated. She accepted a position as Instructional Designer at the Nonproliferation and National Security Institute, run by Wackenhut Services for the U.S. Department of Energy. Son Matt (20) stayed in Michigan to finish school at Oakland Community College but plans to move to Denver, CO soon, where he'll join daughters Kim and Kelly. Kim is married and in her first year of law practice as a litigator, having clerked for a Federal Circuit Court judge. Kelly, in her third year teaching sixth grade in the Castle Rock school district, is contemplating grad school.

Like most folks, **Margaret Hayes Brunstad** says her news involves her day to day world of family, friends, career and dealing with whatever comes her way! All is well in Birmingham and Margaret is fortunate to have a job she loves....President of Portrait Brokers of America. Through the company, a great little nationwide firm with sales representatives all over the country, she's reconnected with **Eliza Woodin Mathiew**, "who has joined our company as a Portrait Representative in Jackson Hole. It has been GREAT to cross paths again!" Eliza will be a wonderful asset to her company, and Susan Nading deserves the credit for getting them back in touch. Susan is so good at that!! Margaret also loved reconnecting with her great roomie, Susan Snodgrass Wynne, since they have children in the same class at Princeton. Marion Walker continues to make everyone laugh here in B'ham, and Margaret's often lucky to catch up with the Ups—**Kathy Upchurch Takvorian** and **Ginger Upchurch Collier** on their occasional visits back home. On the home front, Jim and Margaret are sending their youngest child to Rhodes College in the fall.

Deidre Conley has a good, busy life, traveling for her wine and spirits business. On a recent trip to Texas, she stayed with **Liz Clegg Woodard**. Deidre and husband will soon be traveling to France for business and will visit his family north of Nice.

Claudine Clarke Elian recently had a one-person show of her artwork in New York (www.ccelian.com). She recently moved there from Washington State where she has a house in the Skagit Valley. In New York she resides in Brooklyn with her partner, Carlos Gomez, a video artist, and his 4-year old son Moises. A profile of her artwork is scheduled for the spring issue of Letter Arts Review.

Even with 8 months of winter,

Vivian Finley and husband Clyde Boyer still enjoy living in Wasilla, about 50 miles from Anchorage. Their borough (a county) is the size of WV with a population of 65,000. Together they have 7 children and 14 grandchildren. Vivian still has her private practice as a marriage, family, and child psychotherapist. Clyde is a CPA in his own firm. When summer finally comes, they enjoy wilderness river canoe trips.

The Grays are doing well right now and they're grateful. After working for the last three years as General Counsel to the NC Speaker of the House, **Jane Powell Gray** was appointed late last year by the Governor to a District Court Judgeship in Wake County and sworn in on Feb. 1. She absolutely loves her job and wishes she'd pursued the bench earlier! The only downside is that she has to run for reelection in 2004 and not having had her name on a ballot previously makes her nervous. Otherwise, Jane's active in a variety of nonprofits and church, and would be "on track" if she could just fit in exercise! Frank and Jane do try to take some time off for travel and in August they planned a trip to Seattle, Portland and Vancouver. They had a lovely trip to Italy planned for last September, but the events of 9/11 and job constraints caused them to cancel.

Husband Frank continues to be a partner in his law firm with the short name Jordan, Price, Wall, Gray, Jones and Carlton. Jane's convinced him that it's time to build the getaway home at the beach this year, so they'll get started on that this fall at Emerald Isle, NC. Son Matt will be a senior at East Carolina University. He's majoring in Political Science, but has no interest in following his parents into law school. He wants to take some time off after graduation and "find himself", then pursue a Masters in Public Administration. He reminds Jane that she took 4 years after graduation to find what she wanted to do, so she can't complain other than remind him that she did work during that time and paid her own bills!

Margaret Lyle Jones writes that after many career changes, she's back in the lab again and just loves it. She's in neuropathology with a variety of projects: genechip and molecular work and transgenic mouse work. Lots to learn! Margaret has been divorced since 1988, has three sons, and moved to Birmingham, AL from Houston.

Alice Johnson Krendel had to miss reunion since daughter Mary was on two softball teams in Atlanta and each was a league champion. Son Carl (15) heads to Mercersburg Academy this year. Husband David is enjoying private neurology practice, while Dr Alice is trying to reduce her hours in her gastroenterology practice. Alice writes that it's very impor-

tant that we all get our full colonoscopy after 50!

With son Will (17) at a state track meet, **Edna Ann Osmanski Loftus** was unable to attend Reunion. Edna Ann is still teaching at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Chair of the English Department, and an Associate Academic Dean. Husband Bill is Vice President for Academic Affairs and has been Acting President. With Will now a high school senior, they're really involved in the college admissions process this year.

Charlotte Brohard McGinnis is enjoying retirement in Williamsburg. She and husband David love living in Ford's Colony and play lots of golf. Daughter Jennifer (23) just received her Master's in Vocal Performance from George Mason University.

The Florida Legislature was in a marathon session so **Mary Pat Varn Moore** was unable to make Reunion. Earlier this year, Mary Pat became Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Operations with Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration. It's a big challenge, but she's really enjoying it. Husband Paul is doing well in his real estate business. He just bought a new boat and is looking forward to fishing. Son Warren (22) is a junior at FSU. Son Taylor (13) is 5'9, 222 lbs., and can't wait to start his football career.

Elise Webb Neeland writes that she and husband David have settled into their 3rd and final home which they just finished building in Montgomery, AL. Daughter Elizabeth is a senior at Mercer University. Daughter Leslie is starting law school at UVA. Elise wants David to cut back his very busy practice and enjoy some traveling with her. Good luck, Elise!

After leaving SBC, **Bliss Packer** went to Tulane University in New Orleans, twice...the first time for a B.A. in Economics and the second for an M.B.A. Bliss got her CPA and worked for 4 years as an auditor at what was then Peat Marwick Mitchell. For 23 years she has worked as an accountant in large financial institutions: 19 years at First National Bank of Chicago (now Bank One) and now 4 years at ABN AMRO (the big Dutch bank).

As a cancer survivor of 13 years, Bliss devotes some of her time to various cancer activities. She's active on the University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation Women's Board and as a patient advocate on the Data Safety & Monitoring Board of Cancer and Leukemia Group B, one of the cooperative groups conducting clinical trials in cancer treatments under the guidelines of the National Cancer Institute. She also enjoys orienteering and is active in the Chicago Club. Other activities include fitness swimming and walking, gardening and working with flowers (she does the occasional wedding or party), and tak-

ing advantage of all Chicago has to offer.

Bliss shares her life with a wonderful man, Richard Pleet and Makoons, an Irish wolfhound/Labrador retriever mix. They live in Chicago, Lincoln Park where they are currently remodeling their house from top to bottom. Whenever possible, they escape to their log cabin on a lake in northern Wisconsin for hiking, cycling, and relaxing. She travels (but never enough) mostly in the US, Western Europe and the Caribbean. The most memorable trips include a weeklong bike ride in the California wine country and most recently, Belize, where she got her advanced certification in scuba diving. Bliss, thanks for catching us up on 30 years!

Kitty Howell Riordan and husband Dave pass by SBC often on their way to see son Matthew's lacrosse games at Greensboro College, NC. Son Michael also plays lacrosse at Cornell University, so Kitty and Dave stay on the road. She's in her 3rd year of management at Goodwin House Retirement Home and really loves her volunteer work as Chaplain at Alexandria Hospital. Their 10 grandchildren keep them hopping so Kitty looks forward to retirement in a couple of years.

Her international tax law practice keeps her very busy, but **Stephanie Harmon Simonard** still finds time to help out with the American community in Paris. Her big news is the marriage of daughter Sophie (SBC '97) to Foreign Service Officer Alain Norman. Unfortunately, many of the wedding guests were stranded in Paris after the 9/11 tragedy. Sophie and Alain are now posted in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Trish Neale Van Clief and Dg have made several trips to Australia recently. Son Danny (25) UVA'99, was married last April in Sydney where he had been working for two years. He and his beautiful bride, Anna, a true blue Australian, are now living in Charlottesville, VA. Daughter Helen (23) UVA'00 has been working in Washington for Congresswoman Ann Northup (R, Jefferson County, KY) as her administrative assistant and scheduler. She has loved her job, and Ann is a great role model—a civic servant and wife and mother of six children, two adopted. Helen leaves in the fall for Austin, TX, where she and her fiancé, Chase Heard UVA'00, will be in school for the next four years...he in Architecture and she in Law. They will be married at the University of Virginia Chapel in May '03. Dg and Trish feel they've been blessed with such great luck in their children's happiness. As for Dg and Trish, they're still hangin' out contentedly in their old Kentucky home with a menagerie of devoted dogs and a much pursued cat. Life is good.

Since I'm long overdue, here's my

recap. I'll omit several personal items...let's just say there were getting to be too many initials on the bath towels. I moved to Connecticut after graduation and worked on an unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign. Fun, but a culture shock for my southern sensibilities. Moved back to Virginia, actually Washington, DC area and took a job at the Dept of the Army, Office of the Secretary General, courtesy of Lynn Manor's, '71, mother. Was accepted in the Army's Internship Program but moved to the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress.

I landed a position with NBC and my telecommunications career launched. Moved from NBC Government Relations to WRC-TV (NBC owned and operated) as a producer and from there to WETA-TV (PBS flagship). A couple of Emmy nominations. Moved to Warrenton, VA, a sleepy Southern town and tried free lance producing. Moved quickly back to Washington, taking a position again with WETA. Decided to go corporate, moving into marketing at GTE Spacenet, owner/operator of a fleet of domestic satellites. Got my M.B.A. from Va Tech while at GTE. Started a Distance Learning/satellite consulting company, International Satellite Information Services (ISIS), with a colleague from GTE.

Partner Jim Mattix (business and personal) and I started ISIS about 7 years ago. He, too, had a career in television and satellites. (No chemistry career for me!) We traveled to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and the Republic of Georgia when we first started out, but the Asian economic crisis and lack of currency conversions made us pull back to domestic satellite customers. A major TV network is our anchor client. I consulted to an international satellite company about three years ago....five months in The Hague, a glorious time with some memorable weekends spent here and there. Also, just returned from a short business trip to Tbilisi, the Republic of Georgia, where I was helping young entrepreneurs start a business association. A little out of my line, but I was game.

Now listen, Girls. Why don't you email your news to me? Anytime is fine. If we have enough to say, we can put something in every issue. I'm trying to pull together some stats for the next time. We just don't know everybody's current name, marital status, occupation, advanced degrees, publications, children, grandchildren??!, travels, etc. So, see what you can do, please. Send to cjilljohnson@mind-spring.com. P.S. Thanks to Mary Heller for her comments and fiction.

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We are all deeply saddened by the death of former SBC President Dr. Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., on May 6, 2002, at the age of 82. At our last reunion, Dr. Whiteman's name came up repeatedly in conversations. Many of us felt especially close to him because he arrived at SBC in 1971, as we did. We remember him as an outstanding scholar who displayed astonishing depth and breadth of knowledge in many areas, yet was not at all pedantic. As a College President, he was in tune with the temper of the times, sensitive to issues that loomed large in the minds of students. He was genuinely interested in the life of every student, in what she wanted to do after SBC. Dr. Whiteman knew each student's name, her hometown, where she wanted to go for graduate school or employment. I'll bet everybody remembers Dr. Whiteman's delightful sense of humor. He was faculty sponsor to Aints and Asses, regularly appeared in their shows, and once posed on a pedal tractor for a photograph with the club. Dr. Whiteman was genuine and down to earth, which made him very accessible to us all. How refreshing it was to have an authority figure that was so kind and open! It is no wonder that Dr. Whiteman's mark on SBC is positive and enduring. It seems fitting that the Class of 1975 compile a tribute to him, as suggested by **Ellen Harrison Saunders**. At present, my idea is that each one of us could write down our fondest memories of Dr. Whiteman and that these remembrances be included in our next reunion scrapbook, along with photographs any of us might have taken with Dr. Whiteman participating in our student activities. I am sure that some of you have ideas as to what would be a fitting tribute, so I urge you to let me know what they are.

Now on to your news:

An unsigned card from Richmond with no return address says "I'm having fun getting settled in my new home, still in Richmond. The best surprise has been the blueberries, black-

berries and strawberries!" (Umm! Wish I had some of those berries...)

Randy Anderson Trainor and family are living life to its fullest in NH. Daughter #1, Sarah, got married in August 2001 in a spot overlooking the White Mountains. She is a Senior Account Executive for the Investment Division of Fidelity. Her husband is a bond trader for Shearson Lehman. Daughter #2, Cary, will be a senior at Holderness School in Plymouth, NH, and is "on the college search." She is a dorm leader and captain of the girls' softball team. She also participates in ski racing. Son Cliff, a freshman at Univ. of New Hampshire, is studying business. He spent all last year ski racing in the Northeast, Canada, and Europe! "Tough life," adds Randy. The economic slump has slid into the Trainor household; husband Thomas has been out of work for a year. "So," says Randy, "I'm trying to support us all with my interior design business and coaching Alpine ski racing. This seven days a week is murder! Fortunately, business is great!"

Margaret Babb lives in Chevy Chase, MD, very close to Washington, D.C., where son Trey is ready to start kindergarten at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. Margaret is still practicing health care law at Proskauer Rose LLP in D.C. She plans an August vacation with her family at Grand Canyon.

There is much pride and joy in the Franklin, TN, home of **Bet Bashinsky Wise** and husband, Doug. Son Case, who has been attending The Gow School, has graduated from high school! Case has worked hard to accomplish this, which Bet calls "a small miracle in itself." In the fall, Case will enter The Univ. of the Ozarks, where he will have access to an extensive LD support system. (If memory serves me right, Case is also an Eagle Scout. Kudos, Case!) Bet notes that she spent the winter in Florida, "reliving a childhood dream—eventing. Managed to fall off on my first cross-country outing. That set me back a few weeks..." Bet and Doug will spend the summer in Montana, where Bet hopes to get in touch with **Cheryl Lux '76**.

Janis Csicssek Dodge traveled outside MA this year to attend the Maryland Hunt Cup, where she had a great visit with **Pam Hindsley '76**. Daughter Emily and Putney are off to Costa Rica for a month's vacation. When she returns, Emily will begin college shopping. Son Trey is a college sophomore. Congratulations to stepson Graham, who will get married in 2003.

Cecelia Clark Melesco has had a busy year in Roanoke with family and two goldens, a new lab puppy, two cats and a bird! "A real menagerie!" Cecelia quips. "Cameron will be a junior at Elon Univ. ... She loves it! Clark just graduated from North Cross and will be attending Univ. of VA in the fall. Alex will be in 8th and John will be in 7th at

North Cross. They are active in sports year-round, so we are on the road all the time." Husband David still finds his work as a juvenile judge rewarding. Cecelia is a substitute teacher at the local middle and high school. She has completed two years on Parent Council at North Cross and also works on the YMCA board. "Our parents and family continue to be healthy, which is a real blessing." Cecelia sees **Kathy Osborne Spirtes** when Kathy visits Roanoke. This summer, the Melescos will spend time with Cecelia's parents in Rehoboth, DE, where Cam and Clark are working. Over spring break, they took the two boys on a Caribbean cruise, while Alex went to Telluride with a friend.

Betsy Clay Rizo is thriving on the excitement, enchantment and sunshine of Madrid, Spain. Husband Jose is now director of operations with Antena 3 Television. Daughter Martha, 22, spends her days in a workshop, at the beach, and in the mountains. Son Juan, 20, is winding up his second year in civil engineering at The Polytechnical University in Madrid. Betsy is "occupied all the time with gardening, cooking, emailing, and enjoying being a 'kept' woman. Only volunteer communion classes in English at our parish have put me back in the working world. We all visited Kentucky in March to see family and friends." On March 19, the entire family went to Danville for dinner, a concert and backstage meeting with the star, none other than Julio Iglesias, who is an old friend of Jose's.

Marybeth Connor Hamlin writes: "After teaching high school English for four years, I am finally back in the field I trained for at Sweet Briar: Library Media Science. I am a media specialist at a high school in Naples, Florida, and loving it! My son, Patrick, age 14, is becoming quite the golfer, and I spend most of my free time shuttling him from golf course to golf course! I miss all my SBC friends!"

From Richmond, VA, **Catherine Cranston Whittham** writes, "2002 finds me still active in Fund Raising and Development—and enjoying it greatly. Am also sitting on board of the Richmond Public Library and am active in the Garden Club of Virginia. Daughter Ann has finished her junior year in Bath, England, on W & L's program. She is an English major with a concentration in Environmental Studies. Son Craig has finished his first year at Elon. Whit and I survived Empty Nest with flying colors—and found it to be wonderful!! We celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary in October."

Beverley Crispin Heffernan has had a very busy and exciting year in Sandy, UT: "I had a grand time as an Olympics volunteer—worked a total of 31 shifts at the Olympic/Paralympic Village, issuing guest passes to visitors. Met lots of athletes and their families and got to hold a couple of gold

medals!" Beverley is back in the work force as an environmental specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation. Jim is still an administrative law judge with the Dept. of the Interior. Son Jimmy, 21, is a senior at Univ. of Utah, and Chris, 16, is a rising high school junior. Beverley will celebrate her fiftieth birthday by traveling to Ireland in June. Her volunteer activities include church, school, trail conservation work, and the Sundance Film Festival. She spends her spare time riding and skiing. "**Cynde Manning Chatham, Nancy Haight, Robin Singleton Cloyd** and I intend to paint Las Vegas red at some point this fall to collectively celebrate the Big Five-Oh." In addition, Beverley keeps in touch with **Jane Hutcherson Frierson '74**

Received a nice, newsy letter from **Bonnie Damianos Rampone** on Long Island: It has been quiet in the Rampone household, with Chuck III a junior at Gettysburg College and Chris a freshman at Drew Univ. Bonnie has decided to take a year off from teaching pre-school. Chuck, Jr. has opened up a new Indian Motorcycle and Hummer store. Bonnie will be helping with the clothing line. "What a turnaround," Bonnie muses, "a Sweet Briar graduate and nursery teacher now attending trade shows and buying black leather! It's different, but very Long Island." Bonnie concludes by noting that she and Chuck, Jr. will celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary in June. She is not sure where they will go because Chuck, Jr. is keeping it a surprise. She hopes to visit SBC this year.

Louisa Dixon is still going back and forth between Besancon, France, and Staunton, VA, "where my father, age 97, and my mother, age 83, are still going strong! A delegation of people from Charlottesville will go to Besancon in September to discuss the Sister City Project." At the Staunton YMCA, Louisa ran into **Keedie Grones Leonard '76**

Changes are in the wind for **Mary Dubuque Desloge**, who will soon move away from CT: "We are going west- back to Missouri to the country. We are buying the old Desloge country home outside of St. Louis. My plan is to pick up Real Estate again and husband Chris is buying a new company. We are empty nesters as William is at Ohio-Wesleyan and Chris and Ray are at The Salisbury School here in Connecticut. We will really miss the East Coast and all the wonderful opportunities we have enjoyed in our six years here. But now it's time for another chapter in our life- so who knows what's around the corner?"

Jeannette Egli Drake resides in Pittsburgh, PA with husband Andy and son Andrew, who is almost nine. Jeannette is a Lt. Col. in the Air Force Reserve. She works in disaster preparedness and is assigned to an active-duty base. After 9/11, she spent sev-

eral months assisting with preparedness and response at Tyndall AFB in Florida. "When not on military duty, I am busy being Mom, traveling and fighting with my computer."

Katlyou Gray Brittle sends the following news of life in northern VA with some beautiful four-footed friends: "I am riding daily; fox hunted at least three days a week last season (some six days!). My Equine Therapy business is good. I have some three-day event clients that I travel with regularly. Just started working with horses for Karen and David O'Connor of Sydney Olympic Gold Medal fame. It's really fun and rewarding. It's funny to see Mr. Cronin often as he and Ann retired to this area."

Melissa Greenwood Riemer, who is now living in Wilmette, IL, says: "I was so sad to have missed the last reunion!! We were living in London from 1996-1998 (our second time). Jeff was transferred to work on a project. While there, I attended drama school full time and then worked as an actress. The girls attended the American School in London. Since our return to Chicago, I have been acting as well as making peace with our empty nest. Emily just finished sophomore year at Macalester College and Katherine just finished freshman year at Denison."

Ellen Harrison Saunders writes, "I'm still in Suffolk, VA. Whitney's law office is gradually expanding with the addition of new attorneys...Harrison (19) just completed freshman year at Syracuse Univ.'s School of Architecture. Mary-Carson completed sophomore year at St. Andrew's School in Delaware, and Grace just finished fourth grade." Ellen's still a very active volunteer at church and at the library of Grace's school. She is also on the Board of the Garden Club of Virginia and the Board of the Foundation for the Preservation of Virginia's Executive Mansion. (Thank you, for suggesting the class tribute to Dr. Whiteman.)

Ann Henderson Slamets and family are very happy to be back in Southern California: "We...have settled in nicely. Jay is still flying for UPS. I'm still playing tennis as much as I can and our son, Jon, just finished his second year at Cal. Poly. in San Luis Obispo, where he will also stay during the summer."

"Life still progresses" for **Helen Hodges Richards** in Dallas, TX. She is still working at a psychiatric hospital and says, "My responsibilities have broadened to take on more counseling duties. My son just finished freshman year at Univ. of Miami. I just got back from three weeks in Lynchburg taking care of my mom. While there, I dropped by SBC and saw Mr. Horwege and spoke with Mr. Huszti by phone. It was great! The campus looked beautiful. Daughter Sarah is working and living with me. Daughter Amanda just

completed eighth grade. She starts high school next year!"

Shari Mendelson Gallery sent so much news from WV she could barely get it all on one card! Her twin daughters, who have been home schooled thus far, have turned 14 and will begin high school in the fall. Shari's oldest son "survived plebe year at the Naval Academy." Her second son has completed high school and will attend Duquesne on an NROTC scholarship. Our sympathy goes to the Gallery family, for Phil's mother died at home on June 25, with Shari and daughters as primary caregivers. Hospice was a valuable and much appreciated help. Phil had emergency surgery on May 23 for perforated diverticulitis. Follow-up surgery will be in September. We will keep Phil in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Shari has been through all this while holding down a job: "I work from home on a fairly flexible schedule as an ad exec for the *West Virginia State Travel Guide*. I'm the only one covering all 55 counties!" It doesn't stop here: Shari is on the Heritage Days Committee, and is Co-director and Contest Chair of the local Arts Council. "We're hosting a regional Arts Assembly in August and have launched a fairly extensive website. The whole family (except our midshipman) is off for ten days at a fabulous music and arts camp—Camp Common Ground on the Hill. I highly recommend it."

Although **Denise Montgomery** lives in Valdosta, VA, she is frequently on the road. She visited London in 2000 and 2002. During the 2000 trip, Denise went to Althorp, Princess Diana's ancestral home. You can read an account and see a photo gallery of this trip at <http://www.geocities.com/highgrove.geo/altphotos.html>. Denise also visits the DC area to see Gerry on a regular basis, and has been to New England four times over the past two years. During the fall of 2001, she attended the Jack Kerouac festival in Lowell, MA, and saw the exhibit of Jacqueline Kennedy's dresses at the Kennedy Library. Denise attended a professional conference in Helsinki in the fall of 2000. In the summer of 2001, she was appointed to a committee of the American Library Association, which entails travel to conferences twice a year. Thus far, she has been to San Francisco, New Orleans and Atlanta for meetings. In addition to all the travel, Denise has been active as a writer lately. Her article on plateauing appeared in the Spring 2002 issue of *Library Trends*, a professional journal. She has recently completed an article about royal visits for a reference book, *The Encyclopedia of British-American Relations*, which will be published by ABC-CLIO in 2003. A more detailed bibliography than the one listed at the end of the article is at <http://www.geocities.com/highgrove.geo/royalvisits.ht>

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Denise adds, "part of the reason I am emphasizing all this past good news is to offset the bad news of this past year, which has been quite trying aside from the trauma we have all suffered from both September 11 and the falling stock market." Denise returned from a trip last Labor Day to find her kitchen "awash in a couple inches of water from a leaking bathroom pipe in the ceiling..." About a month later, Denise swallowed a chicken bone while enjoying fajitas, and had to endure considerable discomfort and annoying medical tests until the bone was dislodged. Then, Denise's credit card was hit by fraudulent identity charges, and she became a victim of identity theft: "...somebody got hold of my social security number and my mother's maiden name and tried to apply for a loan over the internet in my name... On the positive side, I have lost ten pounds this past year." Denise would like to hear from anyone who knew **Nancy Richards '73**, who was shot and killed outside her DC home in June of 1999 by her estranged husband, Jeremy Ray Akers. This occurred in front of Nancy's three children, one college age, two in elementary school. After ambushing Nancy in her car, Akers went to the Vietnam War Memorial, where he turned the gun on himself. Nancy had forged a career as a romance novelist before her untimely death at the age of 45. At SBC, Nancy majored in Government and graduated *magna cum laude*. I spotted her in the 1973 yearbook photo of FOCUS. Nancy was also a gifted photographer. Her photos appeared regularly in the yearbook and in *Brambler*, the art and literary magazine. Does anyone who was engaged in the above-mentioned activities have any recollections of Nancy to share with Denise?

Patty O'Malley Brunger is doing well in Texas and ponders on a maturing family. Philip is a freshman at Southern Methodist Univ.; John, a sophomore at Princeton. Patty stopped working at Phil's school when he graduated and, while looking for something new, is enjoying the summer with her sons.

Kathy Osborne Spirites is alive and well in Kotzebue, AK. She recently bought a VW Eurovan Camper and spent three weeks traveling around the Southwest. Husband David still works for the National Park Service. Daughter Alexandra is 8. "I'm too far way to see anyone from the class of '75. If anyone's tour of Alaska includes Kotzebue, please look me up!"

All is well with **Nelly Osinga Branson** in Silver Spring, MD. She still works part time at a plant nursery. "Lindsay and I are kept busy with the girls' soccer and swim team schedules. Susie is now 12 and Molly is 10. We just celebrated my parents' 50th wedding anniversary in June at Sweet Briar. It was good to see all the

changes."

In Potomac, MD, **Louise Pulizzi** linds, "The past year has been filled with exciting change and opportunity. I marked the one-year anniversary of my new consulting business, Terra Nova Communications, LLC, and my husband and I achieved a long-standing goal of buying an apartment in Paris. (It's located on the Right Bank, just a ten-minute walk from the Arc de Triomphe.)" Though they plan to visit as soon as possible, they will be renting it out when they are not there. Anyone who is interested can contact Louise at 301-765-8074 or via email to lp@tnovacomm.com.

Janet Richards Oikawa, who lives in Reston, VA, is not suffering from empty-nest blues: "Now that our kids are older, my husband and I travel without them. Went to Madrid, London, San Juan and Portland, OR, in 2001." Oldest daughter Naomi has finished her first year at George Mason Univ. Mari will be a senior in high school and David will be a freshman.

Anne Ross Shipe writes, "Been busy with Ross' high school graduation in June, and getting him ready for college. He will be attending Randolph-Macon in Ashland, VA, as a Presidential Honors Scholar. He will also play on the golf team there. This summer he is playing golf tournaments every week, so we can't do too much." Anne and husband Jim are still at Univ. of Virginia. Anne serves on various boards for the Charlottesville area school system, works on local elections and stays in touch with **Sandra** and **Maria Vonetes**.

Sara Ruhle Kyle, who lives in Pittsburgh, has spent this past year renewing friendships from SBC and the time immediately following graduation. Sara spearheaded a search for a new music director/organist for her Presbyterian Church, and one of her contacts led the church to an outstanding organist, whom they hired. "It's truly a small world! We're into the college search with our oldest son, Richard, a rising senior. This brings back many memories, especially when we look at VA schools, including W&L and U.V.A."

Ginny Shipe Cameron tells us, "All is well in Maryland. It's been a wonderful year with son Scott working with me and going to night school." Scott is thinking about going to the Univ. of Maryland next year. The campus is five miles from home in Severna Park. Ginny continues, "Son Andrew just finished his freshman year at Roanoke, where he is now an official KA. He'll be living at the frat house next year—boy does this bring back memories of Rob Baker and Dave de Villiers! I'm still working hard—my dad still comes in to the office three days a week at age 77, so I guess it's in the blood." In August, Ginny will depart from Baltimore on a cruise with ten family members. She also notes that ex-hus-

band Dennis will marry for the fourth time in September (to a thirty-something). Ginny wonders, "What was I thinking!?"

In Lancaster, PA, **Kathie Shirk Gonick**, husband Jeff, and children Megan and Jeff have been busy, busy, busy! Kathie recently completed work on a PHMC Scholars-In-Residence grant on Pennsbury Manor. She is in her last year of course work on a Ph.D. at Temple Univ. in archaeology and anthropology, and is working at a pre-historic site. All this, while she continues to practice municipal law!

Heard from **Ann South Malick**, who writes, "Greetings from Hudson, Ohio! Not much has changed here. Mary Francis (11) and Kacer (10) keep us hopping with their various activities. Mark is working for Habitat for Humanity and is getting ready to kick off a big campaign to build 200 houses. I am enjoying my life as soccer mom, but to keep my sanity (?), I continue to volunteer for our local EMS as an ambulance driver and as an EMT. Other than that, things are pretty calm! And that's a good thing!"

Libby Stough Rush sends the following news from Louisville, KY: "Noel and I are celebrating our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 4 and we are going to Italy (Rome and the Amalfi Coast). Caroline, 19, has just completed her freshman year at Auburn. Will, 17 will be a junior at St. Xavier High School. Interior design business has also been good!"

Nan "Stanley" Stuart writes from Twin Falls, ID and, like many of you, finds it hard to get all her news on one little card! Stanley's travel and teaching schedules have tripled this past year. She is the coordinator for Univ. of Missouri's Law Enforcement Training Institute animal cruelty investigator schools (all three levels). Each is a 40-hour academy and they are conducted all over the country—two per month! Stanley notes, "Disasters are up as we are all aware and I have just returned from the Arizona fires after one and a half weeks. I am off to Alaska with Dad, my brothers and Eric for three weeks of much needed rest and fishing my brains out! These are my first days off since last October. In my spare time I have been guest lecturing at an assortment of conferences. Our disaster truck was at the fires in Arizona and on standby for New York after 9/11." They were also at the Hayman fire in CO and at a few other fires and floods. In addition to all this, Stanley and family have opened a safety equipment store in CO! (You can take live now, Stanley.)

Barbie Tatel Thomas sends her best to everyone from Louisville, KY. "Middle age is not so bad," she finds. "My three children are away. Grant, 24, finished working a year in DC after graduating from Sewanee. Clay, 22, is a senior at Appalachian State in Boone, NC. Lee, 20, is a junior at Rhodes College, playing field hockey. My

biggest problem is too many interests (tennis, oil painting, gardening) to fit in the few hours that are left when I am not working at my landscape design business, which I love!"

Leslie Thornton sent a beautiful card that shows my favorite painting—Monet's "The Water Lily Pond." She says, "I started a new job with RAND on Sept. 4th...about 1/2 mile from the Pentagon. RAND is a non-profit institution that helps improve policy and decisionmaking through research and analysis in health, education, science and technology, and defense areas, including counter-terrorism and homeland security. Living in Arlington a mile west of the Pentagon, I now have a ten-minute commute (which is amazing in the DC area). It has been both a scary and exciting place to be, especially with fighter jets flying over my house in September." Recently, Leslie had lunch with **Wendy White '74**.

This has been a busy year for **Rose Anne Toppin Cranz** in Ft. Worth, TX. Rose Anne's daughter, Foster, has been working in Washington, D.C., for Secretary of Labor Elaine Chau and taking art classes at the Corcoran Art School. Foster will remain in D.C. until August, when she begins her first year at Connecticut College. Rose Anne has "been making many trips to Washington also to visit. I saw **Dorsey Tillet Northrup** in Charlottesville in early January and met her son John, who is at Univ. of VA. Introduced Foster to him and they will be working in Washington this summer."

Maria Vonetes, still living in Washington, D.C., says, "I went to **Ellen Harrison Saunders'** son's high school graduation. He is our godson. Our family spent Thanksgiving with **Anne Ross Shipe**." In a P.S., Sandra and Maria add that they frequently see **Janet Whitehurst**.

Bonnie Walton Mayberry still lives near SBC, in Madison Heights, VA. Though she now has an empty nest, as do many of us, all is well in her household. Daughter Megan, a junior at Liberty Univ., got married in August of 2001. Bonnie adds, "My husband, Jerry, is still working at Framatome in Lynchburg and I am starting my twenty-seventh year of teaching first grade at Elon Elem. School. I plan on retiring at thirty years and perhaps finding a new career!"

Laura-Hope Walton Lawrence lives in Shreveport, LA, with three active children. Hope, 20, is a cosmetologist. Elizabeth, 12, is a candidate for the National Junior Honor Society. Brit, 6, is all ready for the second grade. "I am still 'engaged,'" Laura-Hope writes. Is Laura-Hope our first grandmother? Granddaughter Amanda will be one in August!

Carroll Waters Summerour lives in New Orleans. Her oldest son, Patrick, got married on June 22 in Charleston, SC, to Dana Rutherford. **Anne Cogswell Burris** was at the wedding

and was of valuable assistance to Carroll in planning the rehearsal dinner. Carroll's second son, William, graduated from Univ. of Virginia in May and is working in New Orleans as an environmental engineer. Daughter Kaki will be a high-school senior at Newman and plays varsity volleyball.

Ann Wesley Ramsey sends much news from Richmond: "I was lucky this spring to go to Sweet Briar to have dinner with our dynamic President and Jane Goodall. Husband Rocket went, too. He was so impressed with the manicured grounds and gorgeous landscape- he'd forgotten! The boxwoods dwarfed us. I'm glad to say that the auditorium for Jane was packed with interested students, and she was again fascinating. It is a treat to live close to our alma mater." Son Rick is in NYC with Bear Stevens. Alden is a sophomore at Univ. of Virginia and Garrett is a rising senior at Woodberry Forest.

In Roseland, VA, horses and dogs keep **Libby Whitley** busy. Libby is still renovating the old house. "Maybe it will be done in time for our 30th class reunion! Saw **Catherine Whitham** recently and heard from **Randy Anderson Trainer**."

There is much news from **Kathy Wilson Orton** in Houston, TX. During the summer of 2000, she faced a major challenge: being diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. She continued to work throughout, keeping busy at J.P. Morgan Chase. In her first card, which arrived too late to be included in the last issue of our class notes, Kathy urged, "Please tell all our classmates to get their mammograms on time!" So, I'm passing this timely advice along. In a second postcard, Kathy says, "My golf game has finally come back after surgery...I'm feeling great again!" Older daughter Betsey will be a junior at Southern Methodist Univ. and Ginny will be a senior at Westover School in Middlebury, CT. Kathy and John are adjusting to the empty nest and are glad to have both girls home for part of the summer. John's practice at Thompson & Knight keeps him busy. The Ortons hope to travel to Aspen in August to escape the Texas heat. We're all glad that Kathy is doing so well. Our best and warmest thoughts continue to be with her.

Cathie Grier Kelly and family have moved from Raleigh, NC, to Atlanta, where Bill has a new job as Credit Standards Officer with Atlantic States Bank. Though adjusting to a new house, school and neighborhood, they are glad to be closer to cousins and grandparents. They plan to celebrate their fifteenth anniversary by traveling to British Columbia.

Chris Hoefler Myers writes, "The biggest news in my professional life is that the Univ. of SC, where I serve as Senior Director of Development, has successfully concluded its seven-year

campaign for \$500 million!"

Husband Jim is Director of Stewardship for the Diocese of Charleston. Daughter Aidan is a rising sophomore at Duke. Daughter Christian will be a fourth grader in the fall.

Gray Thomas Payne writes from Richmond to say, "We have lots of changes around here!" Catherine will be a freshman at Sewanee. Thomas will be a high-school sophomore at Woodberry Forest. Her husband retired July 31. "We will be empty nesters!" The family took a trip to Virgin Gorda for spring break. Last winter, they visited Beth Montgomery in LA. Gray has had mini-reunions with Lisa Nelson Robertson '76, Meg Shields Duke '76, Ann Cogswell Burris and Dorsey Tillet Northrup. "We are house hunting in Maine," Gray adds. "Who knows where we will land?"

Wow!! You are all doing so many terrific things, as are your husbands, kids, and other loved ones. The events of 9/11, I am sure, have affected us all in some way. My thoughts and prayers have been with those of you who live in New York or DC, who have been involved in post 9/11 operations, and who might have had friends, neighbors or loved ones at the World Trade Center or the Pentagon. Several times during the summer of 2001, I spotted the same small group of Middle Eastern men at stores, libraries and restaurants near where I live. They made me ill at ease; I told librarians and store and restaurant managers that it seemed to me that those people were not acting "right." After 9/11, I recognized many of the hijackers in newspaper photos. Sadly, I was not the only Palm Beach County resident whose suspicion was aroused by the men; numerous others had expressed concern about them, too; yet, authorities intervened too late. I have, of course, been battling anxiety and depression. Reading your wonderful news is comforting. In you and your families, our country still has plenty of folks made out of the right stuff. This is a terrible time in which to live, but you and those near to you are all heroes. It is people such as you who get the USA through the night. So many of you write to thank me for doing this job; I thank you for letting me do it. I love being your secretary! I continue to work as a bookkeeper. I also give poetry writing workshops and private French lessons from time to time. I get away for occasional weekends at Melbourne or Daytona Beach. Recently, in a Florida poetry contest, I won two firsts and a second. Guess where the winning poems are set! I am floored, even though it should come as no surprise, since SBC has always been, and will continue to be, a winner. Love to all, Karin.

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Can't believe how fast the time has gone by—our 25th reunion is right around the bend, and as one of our classmates put so well—"Break out the Retinol and call the plastic surgeon!" I am sure she was only kidding! It seems now more than ever it is so important to stay in touch with our friends and make plans to see each other again.

Carol Baugh Webster and husband Tim are new grandparents and much too young for that of course. Carol is Director of Strategic Planning & Marketing Services for BBA Nonwovens headquartered in Nashville. She still travels for business but prefers the vacation traveling to places like Cozumel and a Windjammer Cruise in the British Virgin Islands. Carol was able to visit with Dr. Whiteman and Deedie at a luncheon in Nashville for SBC alums and was sorry to get the news of his passing, as we all were. Her son Blake is 16 and plays football. He hopes to someday play for Tennessee. **Barbara Behrens Peck** and family are enjoying life in Greensboro, NC. Barb has taken up painting again and trying some writing. She recently finished a draft of a middle grade text for a book about the 50 states. Daughter Sarah will be in 7th grade and Haley will be in third grade. They are busy with sports and friends. They will spend part of the summer in CT and Cape Cod. Barb says she misses being on the Friends of Art Board. She enjoyed seeing **Mary Page Stewart** and her daughter when they were looking at colleges. Anyone coming through the Greensboro area, please give her a call.

Melanie Bowen Steglich can't wait to see everyone at the reunion.

She and Lee were in Sante Fe and Taos, NM. Melanie and Lee attended a dental meeting in Chicago and she stood in line 1 1/2 hours for a bag of Garrett's popcorn. She says it was definitely worth the wait! She heard from **Mary Moore Garrison** and family who have a new home in Westlake, CA. She still catches up with many Dallas alums and SBC Club events. **Tracy Bregman** writes from her horse farm in Ocala, FL that she trains sporthorses for dressage and jumping. She enjoyed seeing **Mickie Gupton McKelway** and Hank in Lexington, KY when she went to the Keeneland Sales. One of her clients donated their horse to the SBC riding program. **Paula Brown Kelley** is my vote for the next class secretary. She is always so prompt and the first to sent me her news! Just wish I was that organized. Husband Jack still works at NASA and has just completed his Ph.D. in Public Administration. Kelley Commercial Real Estate is 4 years old, a real accomplishment in a male dominated field. John Patrick is 10 and Genny is now 7. Paula loves e-mail to stay in touch with SBC friends like **Michelle Youree Hostler**, **Cathy Finley Onder**, **Liz Williams**, **Janet Rakoczy Hudson**, **Cece Garcia Tunon Lear** and **Dorothy Lear Mooney**. She got together with **Sue Grist Russell** and family in VA beach last summer. She hears from **Jamie Murray Soper** who recently purchased a farm near Brimfield, MA. **Suzanne Collins Gurley** and husband Bob had dinner with **Mimi Borst Quillman** and Scott on a quick trip through Philadelphia last winter. It was amusing to see the bifocals passed around in order to read the menu! **Leith Colton Derish** and children visited **Ginny Craig** in Naples, FL this spring. Ginny and her sister were in Africa on September 11. She said it was so strange to be in a place with little communication, not really knowing what was happening in the US. She just returned from a summer vacation to Scotland, and gets to New York City on business several times a year. **Cannie Cryslar Shafer** continues to be the Head of the Lower School campus of Episcopal Academy. Win teaches in the Middle School. They are still very involved in Camp Susquehannock—they are both the site directors for the boys camp but have turned the business over to trustees to run. Son Blake is 12. His boys' choir is going to England in June and he loves playing soccer and basketball. Francie is 15 and was on varsity crew and soccer, and still loves to ride (YEA!). **Cannie** and family had a great spring break trip to the Dominican Republic with Win's parents. **Deb Davison Weidner** is living in Newport Beach, CA with Bo (17), Whitney (15-she looks exactly like Deb!) and Peter (10). She is surviving as a single working Mom selling

houses for Coldwell Banker. **Liz Day Dalrymple** moved to a new house in Pinehurst, NC in January. She is hoping to see **Maria Rixey Gamper** and **Barbara Baydush White** in Virginia Beach on the 4th of July. Very exciting news from **Addy Eshbach Donnelly**. She and Paul Donnelly were married in Boston on June 15, 2002. **Meg Richards Wiederseim** and Bill attended along with friends from the Class of '77. They will be living in Boston. Congratulations Addy! **Drusie Hall Bishop** and family are living happily in Brentwood, TN. She is looking forward to the reunion (it was Drusie's idea about the plastic surgeon). **Eelen Humphrey Gora** is in San Diego. Oldest daughter Heather (22) graduated from UC Davis and will be home to get her teaching credential. Sarah (19) finished her freshman year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. John (11) plays lots of sports and Dan (10) is looking to join a local theater group. The Goras have 2 puppies which keep the household busy and fun. Eelen says she is trying to stay fit (aren't we all) and volunteers at the boys' school. She seems to know what is important at this point in life! **Kathy Jackson Howe** says she has hit middle age and life is getting better with Trey in college at W&L, playing football and having a blast. Khaki is a senior in high school and looking at colleges and Janie is in 9th grade. Kathy is playing some team tennis, golf and does a little yard work. She says that Root is ready to retire and fish his life away out in the ocean! Kathy is in touch with **Suzanne Collins Gurley**, **Deb Davison Weidner**, **Carol Cordell Mullins** (who loves hiking, camping and as Kathy puts it "all that Colorado stuff") and spending time with husband Keith and son Charlie. She sees **Robin Jones Eddy** in Lexington when they come to town to see Trey. Robin has a house a mile from Zollman's Pavilion on Buffalo Creek. She thinks it would be a great place for a pre-reunion party—Thursday night for anyone who can make it. She is still loving the real estate business and saw **Lynn Spilman Williams** at Christmas. **Carey Johnson Fleming** is in Greenville, SC. David (17) starts the college search and Ian (11) is in middle school and has a few more years before the dreaded teenager stage. Carey's other "boy" is 6, a Warmblood horse named X-stream. She is doing some dressage and jumping, and he helps her keep in shape. Carey saw **Karen Jaffa McGoldrick** '79 at a show in Atlanta. Karen rode a Grand Prix level test which was beautiful to watch. Carey and family just spent a week in Hilton Head with **Katherine Powell Heller** and family. The best part is that their kids have all turned out to be such good friends. Husband David commutes every week to Hilton Head to work on a start up golf events company and Carey works for Viacom

in the Paramount Parks division with Carowinds in Charlotte. She is able to work out of the house and has flexible hours. **Ann Key Lucas** still sees **Dudie Hiemenz DiLeo** and **Becky Mulvihill McKenna** in St. Louis and says they have not changed a bit! Sorry Ann, I deleted your first message by mistake—e-mail is great, most of the time. Ann's boys are involved in ice hockey and other sports.

Maggie Laurent Gordy is in St. Augustine. Meghan will be at George Washington University this fall and John will be a sophomore in high school. Joe is now the CEO at Flagler Hospital. Maggie is working in the garden, studying Italian again and volunteers to teach English as a Second Language and loves talking with all of her friends at her part time job in a grocery store. Some sad news reached us last fall. **Mary Ella Mays Lewis** passed away on September 9, 2001. I am sure we all pass along our deepest sympathies to her family. **Marybeth Lipinski McAdoo** lives in Albuquerque, NM and runs a dressage training barn, showing dressage and working on her judge's license in dressage. She stays in touch with **Liz Williams** via e-mail. They talk about their winter fox hunting escapades. **Lu Liffon Griffin** writes from NC that she has a great new job as Campaign Director at the Burke County United Way! Sarah is 11 and Ivey is 6. Both attend a private school in Morganton, NC. Lu and husband and family are very active in the Waldensian Presbyterian Church and the community. Lu, Alan and children were in CT for **Jean Beard Barden's** annual New Year's Eve party when Alan developed severe abdominal pain and had to have emergency surgery! She thanks her good SBC buddies for all the support. **Cathy Mellow Goltermann** has a 20th wedding anniversary coming up in October. She is teaching Nursery School at Ladue Chapel Nursery School—the 4-5 year old class. Twins Catherine and Christen are now 12 and Woody is 10. They attend Mary Institute Country Day where Cathy also went. She is also a camp counselor in the summer. Her family vacations in Minnoscqua, WI—where they spend the days on the boat. **Donna Mihalik Lee** and husband Dennis have had several pieces published recently. Dennis has poetry published in *Elysian Fields Quarterly*. Donna has poetry published in *Feminist Studies*, *ForPoetry.com*, *Inkwell*, *LINE DRIVES*: 100 Contemporary Baseball Poems, *The Midwest Quarterly*, *Phoebe*: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Feminist Scholarship, *Southern New Hampshire University Journal* and *Subway Anthology*.

Ike Osinga Scully writes from Germany where she will be in Munich for 3 years. Mark is working as an actuary for Allianz, a German insurance company. Brendan (12) and

William (10) attend Munich International School and are glad to be able to use their German again. Kirk (6) is learning German in school. Ieke says she is the taxi driver for the kids and their activities. **Mary Page Stewart** is teaching art at Garrison, Pre and Lower School and loves it—especially having the summers off! Bob is fine and his new business continues to do well, especially considering the current financial market. Ellie spent spring of her junior year in high school studying at the Maine Coast Semester—and gave them a taste of what it will be like when she is off to college. They had a great tour of SBC and complimented the admissions team for an excellent job. Geordie is at the Gilman School and will be in 8th grade. He will be at Camp Susquehannock (Cannie and Win Shafer's camp) for part of the summer. Mary says she is feeling old as a prospective college parent and getting ready for our own 25th reunion. Wonderful news from **Elizabeth Perkinson**—she is getting married on December 28th to Stephen Simmons. Stephen is a teacher and they will be living in NC near Swansboro. **Catherine Taylor Moore's** daughter Aynsley will be the flower girl. Perk is still selling real estate and has retired (for now) from all the volunteer work! **Julie Pfautz Bodenstab's** son Phillip just finished his freshman year at Gettysburg College and loved it. Peter will be a junior in high school and just earned Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts. Mark still works for Holox, Ltd. and Julie is part-time at Medical Society of Delaware. They had a great vacation to Hawaii at Christmas. Julie sees **Suzanne Stryker Ullrich**—her son will be starting Gettysburg this fall so they will have fun visiting the campus together. (P.S.—thanks Julie for the large print—I really needed it about now). **Katherine Powell Heller** spent 2 weeks in Hilton Head in June and saw **Carey Johnson Fleming** and family. Katherine and husband John were in Maui recently and went on an Alaskan cruise this summer for her parent's 50th anniversary. Can't believe how fast the summer flies by. **Lisanne Purvis Davidson** started in July 2002 as General Counsel of Texas Bank in Fort Worth, TX. She had her annual vacation to England to see **Helen Bauer Bruckmann** this summer. **Ellen Quinn Jones** says all is well in Madison, VA. It's hard to get used to the children getting older, 17, 15, and 13. One working and driving. Ellen, Cleveland and children head to Cape Cod to visit family this summer. Ellen is still a counselor in an elementary school and loves it! **Anne Riordan Flaherty** has 3 boys in scouts, 4 kids in piano, 2 on different hockey teams and Mary dancing 4 days a week. They bought a condo in Florida and try to get down there a few times a year. They took a trip to

Niagara Falls, NYC and Boston where they had lunch with **Addy Eshbach Donnelly**, **Katie Renaud Baldwin** says Alaska is great. She loves teaching kindergarten. Amanda is a junior in high school. Emily is in 7th grade. They are off to a vacation in Mexico this summer, then to Oregon. **Lisa Spruill Darby** had interesting news about **Lenore Cox**. "She recently received the Platinum Award for her outstanding job performance with G.E. Financial Assurance and was awarded a Caribbean cruise. She took me (her former SBC roomie) along as a guest. We had a fabulous tropical adventure in the islands." **Anne Stelle Cole** reports that Steve is now a US Citizen. Son Will is 6' and busy with school FM radio station, newspaper and Forensics and has won awards in all. This summer he is interning on a feature film "Uncle Nino" being shot in their hometown. He continues to fit all of this in and be an A student. Annie writes that her biggest challenge continues to be her health. She is not allowed to drive anymore and continues to work with her neurologist on correct medication. She says that a trip to the reunion is just not possible but sends best wishes to all. Just as I was writing these notes I received another e-mail from **Suzanne Stryker Ullrich** who was about to undergo another neck surgery. Last winter she had fusion or as she puts it, a "DNC of the spine." Alex (21) is a senior at Syracuse and Andrew starts Gettysburg this fall. Ned will be in 8th grade. Life may get a little less complicated for a while. Suzanne has been teaching 6th grade Science at a small private school down the road—Upland Country Day. Rick has been in business for himself for 6 years doing Chemical Engineering Consulting. He has gone international which is fun because Suzanne goes on some of the trips.

Catherine Taylor Moore's daughter Aynsley is looking forward to being in **Elizabeth Perkinson's** wedding next winter. Lee is 13 and doing various camps this summer near Charleston, SC. The whole family will be going to the Greenbrier for a wedding. Catherine says she would love to hear from **Cindy Rogers Dillard**. **Ann Thrash Jones** and Bob have been married 23 years. Chris will be 21 this summer and loves to play golf. Mary Pat is 16 and does show jumping. Ann saw **Janet Smalley Todd** at the orthodontist recently! They are looking forward to the reunion. She also talks with **Mickie Gupton McKelway** and **Leigh MacDonald Forrester**. Ann is also busy as a Paralegal at Alston & Bird in Atlanta.

Liz Williams lives in Middleburg, consulting for government contractors. She is busy with dogs, horses, husband, hunting. (In that order Liz?!) She enjoyed a get together of the Hunt Country Alumnae Club at

Christmas in Warrenton. Liz is planning a trip to England in September to do some fox hunting and join the March on London. She tries to stay in touch with **Paula Brown Kelley**. **Cindy Whitley Auman** (guess it's nice to finally be at the front of the alphabet but we do this by maiden name ...) is still with Parsons Corp after 7 years and is an Associate. Her husband's company, LITRONIC merged with SSP Solutions and he has successfully ridden out the "bumps" of the merger. They celebrated their 5th anniversary in St. Johns and continue to work on their old farmhouse which will celebrate its 100th year in 2003. **Lisa Wray Longino** is still in Dallas. Husband George retired from Salomon, Smith Barney after 26 years. Fleming is going to Madeira to school next fall—following her mother's footsteps. Lisa is busy with many volunteer commitments—the biggest is the President of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League until 5/03. She is trying to raise 1 million dollars for the orchestra.

Mary Goodwin Gamper, Meg Richards Wiederseim and I try to meet for lunch a few times a year—we found the Dansko clog outlet and we can always use a new pair of shoes. Meg's daughter Elizabeth is 18 and just spent a month at a summer program at NYU. They are also on the college search. Billy is 14 and a goalie for the Jr. Flyers ice hockey team. Mary's oldest girls, Liz and Carrie were at a lacrosse camp at W&L this summer while Mary, Billy and Jackie had a vacation in West Virginia. Mary is working part time at home when the girls are not interrupting her for lunch, to go swimming She sees her sister-in-law **Maria Rixey Gamper** often. I am in the same stage as everyone else, starting the college search, but with some resistance. Travis is 18 and a high jumper. His track team won AA state title in 2002. This is his senior year playing football, always a great excuse not to get a job. Ian is 15 and a true teenager. He plays soccer and is not thrilled that I am in charge of the Soccer Boosters. I work at the high school computer lab part time and still volunteer but my biggest job is making sure the dogs get enough exercise! Hope to see all of you at the reunion!

Remember not to be the last one in the door for the class meeting..... ask Mary and me about that!

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Stephanie Stitt Fitzpatrick writes that life is not dull with Alexandra, 7 and Robbie, 4. They are going to Yellowstone Park for a trip with family this summer, then enjoying a lazy month before school begins! She is working as an art registrar at a local newspaper and doing part-time consulting work. **Sharon McGrath**

Gardner has spent a very busy year teaching at Suffolk Community College and an evening class to adults in veterinarian medicine! She is still riding her horses and welcomed a new puppy this year, Maximilian, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. Betsy, her oldest is a senior in H.S. and they are looking at schools for next year. She wants to go South. They even spent a night at SBC! **K. Ellen Hagan** is working at Banks Co. Elementary school as the guidance counselor. Work keeps her busy and she is also active with church and community projects. She enjoys spending time at Frapp Island, SC where her family has a house. **Boo Major Duncan** is having fun with 2 1/2 year old son, Mac. Her husband, Robert, is constantly clearing land on their farm. She sold two of her stallion, Donnerbiel II's foals and actually made a profit! She is in her 5th year as head coach of the Varsity Equestrian Team at USC and is chairman of the Varsity Equestrian Steering Committee which is very active in the process of getting equestrian (now an NCAA emerging sport) to championship status within the NCAA. She is busy, busy, busy and loving every minute of it. **Helen**

Masters Durham is currently living in Maine to allow her daughter, Ann Husted (15) to train with Russian Ballet Master, Andrei Bossov. Arch (19) has finished his first year at Sewanee and youngest, Rob (12) follows in his brother's footsteps, living on the soccer field. Buck continues his medical practice and she builds websites, primarily for non-profit organizations. **Virginia Donald Latham** has been renovating her house and building a pool house. She met **Angie Odom Wright** and **Molly Rogers Cramer** at the beach in June. **Betsy Simpson Hilberts** is teaching at

an area pre-school 3 mornings a week and working at her kids' schools. Eliza is 12, Greta is 8, and Allie is 4. Her husband, Tom, the girls and everyone in their family feels fortunate that they are healthy and happy. **Felicia Nelson Baker** moved to Houston, TX, after spending 4 interesting years in Jakarta, Indonesia. She has 3 children: Austin (9), Dahlgren (7) and Catherine (5). Her husband, Bert, is still with JP Morgan Chase and she spends a great deal of time volunteering at the children's school. She sees **Jane Losse Momberger**, who lives in Austin and she caught up with **Chris O'Leary Rose** during a visit to NY last year. **Sterling Cassidy Smith** writes that all is fine in the Big Apple. Her son, Alec, has won the Headmasters Award for 5th grade and is going to baseball camp. Palmer is loving going to East Hampton to their cute cottage and swimming and playing tennis. Sterling is still pushing paper with her Sterling's Specialties. They will be off to southern beaches this summer and Palmer will attend Camp Merrie Woode with **Julie Brooke Davis'** daughter. **Sarane McHugh** and John will be spending July and August on Alermir Lake in Magnetawan, Ontario. **Eve Devine** made her first trip back to SBC since graduation! Last Fall, she spent a fabulous weekend in VA, visiting SBC and Charlottesville with **Tania Voss Ryan**, Tania's daughter Meredith and her niece, Colby. The weather was perfect. The campus looked fabulous, the bookstore was well stocked and they had a great time. The girls are ready to go—Class of 2013 & 2014! **Presley Neithammer Schwinn's** four dogs, all rescues, keep her busy along with her landscape business and gardening around the house. She joined the Friends of Art board last year and encourages all grads with a love of the arts to contribute to the FOA efforts. She finds it to be most gratifying. She is off to Provence for a summer sojourn. **Mary Kate Ferguson** is ready for a hot, hurricane-packed Florida summer! She is looking forward to her 25th high school reunion in the fall where she hopes to see **Brandy Reiter Hantzes**, **Eve Devine** and **Amy Marshall Lewis**. **Hedley Sipe Gunther** is living in Richmond with daughter Edie (7) and husband, Bill. She is working as a nurse educator and loves it. Work and family keep her happy and busy. She sees **Holly Silsand Ulrich** often and keeps in touch with **Wendi Wood McAfee** and **Whitley Greene**. **Brandy Reiter Hantzes'** family has finally moved into the new house that they have been building for a year. She had back surgery two weeks after the move to fix a herniated disc first injured when she frantically jumped out of the top bunk for a fire drill during junior year. She is enjoying her recuperation while slowly unpacking things that have been in storage for a year and a half.

She ran into **Betsy Davis '80** who looks great, still has gorgeous hair and has been living in Fairfax pretty much since graduation. **Sarah Martin Herguner** has been living in Istanbul, Turkey for 13 years. Her husband, Umit, is lead partner in an international law firm. Herguner, Bilgen & Ozeke. Sarah and her two children, Virginia Lale (6) and Robert Levent (9) plan to spend 3 weeks in Richmond this summer and hope to enjoy their first trip to Europe together. They will go to London to see where Mary Poppins lives and to see that there is another reason for studying English. Lale takes ballet and tap classes. Levent is a Cub Scout and brought them along on a campout at the Black Sea coast, where he earned his whittling chip. Her life is not that much different than most of ours. She invites SBC graduates and friends to call when visiting her neck of the woods. Congrats to **Stephanie Skinner** who married Chris Daney on 12/4/01 on a beautiful beach in Negril, Jamaica. She is working for Juniper Bank in Wilmington, DE. Her son Drew (13) is 5'8" and has passed her in height. Her other son Corey (11) is about 5'4". Both love basketball and are looking forward to the 76ers B-Ball camp this summer. **Theresa Blane Lange**. **May Carter Barger** and **Nan Dabbs Loftin** went to Chicago to see **Allison Roberts Greene** for the weekend and had a great time! **Jill Steenhuis** was in town. They went to a concert that had a showing of Jill's artwork at the end. Theresa, her daughter and husband are off to France and England this summer. Her son thinks that they are crazy for flying, so he opted for basketball camp. May writes that she and Nan also spent a week in Park City, Utah with **Allison Greene** and Carson. They dined and spa-ed at Stein Ericson's hotel, shopped 'til they dropped and stayed in a magnificent condo. Aside from an occasional trip, May spends her days driving both of her children from event to event and is planning a community-wide fund raiser "Run for the Money" for a local foundation. **Anne Grosvenor Evrard** writes that things are fine in France. Walter is still busy working for the Germans in Direct Marketing and she helps him with their joint business as antique buyers for American decorators and private collectors. She might begin an English conversation group for children and adults. Her children are growing up. Anne-Marie is going to HEC next year (business graduate school) and Helene will be going to a trilingual business-assistant school. Constance is going to the Public High School in Versailles. Louis is still in a boys Junior High School in Saint-Cloud. Clotilde is in an all-girls school in Saint-Cloud, and Bertrand (10), the last one of the batch is in the private school in Versailles. They are building

a summer vacation house in Biarritz, and would love to have visitors from SBC! They should be ready for guests by next summer. **Jane Terry** is still working in sales for Scholastic and loves having summers off with her kids. Branson (16) and Sandy (13) are both fine. She sees **Nan Dabbs Loftin** and **May Carter Barger** and keeps in touch frequently with **Kay Lazarus** whom she visited in Kentucky over Thanksgiving. **Sharon Resener Miller** writes from Orlando, FL where she lives with her husband, Toby and their 9 year old son, Bailey. After many years at The Coca-Cola Company (most recently as an IT director) she "retired" a couple of years ago to be a mom. She loves it! She caught up via Christmas cards with **Sharon McGrath Gardner** last year and would love to hear from **Joy Gillio Biaocco**. **Liz Seacord** is still busy doing the Mom thang in the intense vortex that is life in New York City. PTA, Book Fairs, after school programs—at least by Fall, she will have both children in the same school, and can focus on a single agenda. Hopefully, there will be more time to get into the darkroom. There are too many images waiting to be printed! Both children are very interested in music; Sasha (13) is playing electric bass and trombone, and Iris (5) is beginning to study the piano. Iris also takes two ballet classes a week, at her insistence! Liz is not sure how it will pan out, but the idea of playing the role of stage Mother was never something she envisioned. They are looking forward to summer, the end of which will see the four of them driving across Northeastern Spain where it will be HOT HOT HOT, OLE! **Dawn Cotton Ward** writes that husband Jim's role as VP of marketing at Lucasfilm has kept them busy with events celebrating the release of Star Wars, Attack of the Clones. But the most exciting events to come will be their move to a larger home with views of the San Francisco Bay because they will be adding to their family. They hope to hear from the Chinese Government this Fall that a little girl has been selected to become their adopted daughter. Next year, Dawn hopes to be among those of us who enjoy parental bragging rights! **Claire McDonnell Purnell** is living in Annapolis, MD, with John and their "Little Queens"—Mary (8 1/2) and Elizabeth (5 1/2). John works at ARINC as Director of Aviation Security Programs, while Claire continues to run her graphic design business from home. Mary loves art and Elizabeth seems to enjoy dancing. They moved back into their renovated house and are happy to be home. Claire was back home in Pittsburgh and saw **Liz Winson Sweeney**, Tom and their daughter, Courtney, who is about to start high school. **Sophia Cryster Hart** had a great mini-reunion with **Hope Keating**

and **Julie Brooke Davis** in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL last Fall. She hadn't seen Julie and Hope in 20 years, so they had lots of catching up to do and they even called **Harriet Bielitsky Anderson** to wish her a happy birthday. Her husband, Rick Hadley, was a good sport and joined them. Hope, Rick and Sophie met again in Washington, DC several weeks later for a quick visit when Hope was there on business. Sophie said that Hope looks the same as she did when we were in school, except maybe a little younger! Rick and Sophie work for Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA. He is in charge of exhibition design for the museum and she is in the public relations department. They travel around the country a lot for the foundation, which has been great fun. She still teaches as an adjunct professor at William and Mary in the Government department (a Chinese and Japanese politics course), so she can keep up with what's going on in Asia. **Lori Faust Sweany** lives in Berryville, VA. She is a law enforcement officer in the department of Animal Control, and is the Chief Animal Control Officer for Clarke County. She is also the Animal Shelter Director. She loves her job—something new everyday—and what a high it is to protect the earth from the worst scum in the universe! She has three children. Ashli (17), Shelby (14) and Ted (12). She is on husband #2, who is proving to be much more satisfactory than husband #1. Her husband Steve, works for the Department of Defense. Yes, he's been busy since 9/11, plus, he's working on his doctorate in something computer related. She would love to hear from anyone in her neck of the woods. **D.J. Stanhope** says that things have been very busy, especially since 9/11. They renovated and reopened the USO Center at Camp Casey, Korea in November, with former President George Bush on hand to dedicate the facility in honor of his late father Prescott S. Bush. They also had the Ozzy Osbourne family there for a visit in February. She made it back to SBC for reunion last May and loved it! This May, she will be in Las Vegas for the USO World Leadership conference, where they will be the guests of Mr. Las Vegas himself, Wayne Newton. She said, "Thank goodness Sweet Briar taught me to be well-rounded..." **Pam Wood Davis** relocated from Maryland to her hometown of Oak Brook, IL (and back into her childhood home) with husband Glenn, son Chris and daughter Ashley in Jan. '01. The kids made the transfer well as did Mom and Dad. They spend their days enjoying son Chris' Varsity baseball games (he is a Junior in high school). Ashley graduated from 8th grade this June and is moving on to "cramp the style" of her big brother in high school next year. They live just a mile

away from, and see a lot of, her mother, **Diane Outfield Wood '57**. Pam is keeping busy with a financial management software sales job, and is looking forward to our next reunion. I received two unsigned cards. The first seems likely to be from **Deborah Donigan Bullett** who says she and Rob are still living in Ashburn with X-man, 11, and Jax, 8. Deb loves her work, running a program at Dyncorp. She keeps up with Sue Grist Stetson '80. The other unsigned card is from Knoxville and appears likely to be from **Jane Ward Moore** who is a counselor at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Jane says that Kassie will be in 8th grade and is very involved in tennis. Jane also reports that husband, Max, is ill but is doing well and is still in chemical sales and traveling a lot in the U.S. and abroad. **Kearsley Rand Walsh** is living in Arlington with sons Angus (12) and Duncan (10). She keeps in touch with **Claire Purnell**, **Steph Daney**, **Mara Eckert** and **Lori Faust Sweany** and me. **Carrie Maynard Nichols**. Three years ago, I moved with my husband, Tom, and my boys Bucky and Austin (8 1/2) to Charlotte for the Autism services that are available in NC. We are very pleased and Bucky continues to make progress. Tommy loves his financial planning career and Austin will mainstream into third grade this year. We love living in Charlotte. I am busy with the typical 2 kids in different schools deal and trying to be in too many places at once. PTO, church, hand bell choir, Austin's sports, Bucky's therapies, working with Bucky at his therapeutic riding program, various and sundry boards and committees and selling Mary Kay skin care and cosmetics. Also, during the next eight months, I will be working with **Karla Kennedy Newman '85** on an Autism Walk at Lowe's Motor Speedway that will take place at the end of March to benefit Autism research. Please contact either Kearsley or myself with news and send photos and scrapbook items to me.

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Peg Twohy DeVan: All is well out west in Basalt. Carolyn is six and going into first grade at Aspen Country Day School. Bob is busy with his propane business and water treatment business. **Allison Clark Dunn '85** is coming over with her family in July to Virginia Beach from London to visit. We are getting together at my mom's beach house for a weekend. It has been very dry this summer and the whole state of Colorado is under watch for fires. Hope to see you at the next Sweet Briar function.

Karen Biemiller Clark: Life is great. Vacation in Key West this year. I still see **Meg Mahon** everyday. I ride with **Lendon Gray** (SBC '71).

Anne Frierman Sewell: Still alive and well and married to W&L sweet-heart, Henry Sewell. After 17 years, we have 4 children—Henry (10), Berlin (8), Harrison (6) and Emily Anne (4) and still live in Atlanta, GA where Henry practices law with McKenna, Long and Aldridge. I've visited with **Staci Skuica** who lives in Boca Raton and have visited **Ann Alleva Taylor** and her husband Taylor who are enjoying their first daughter, Gabot, who also lives in Atlanta.

Debbie Jones: All is well in Richmond. I'm looking for a horse and get back into riding. I've been doing a lot of volunteer work in my industry, mortgage banking, and serving as president of the Richmond Mortgage Bankers Association and as a board member on the Virginia Mortgage Banking Assoc. I was honored last year as Virginia Mortgage Banker of the Year. We focus on raising funds for Habitat for Humanity and providing funds for our lobbyist to fight legislative issues.

Ginger Reynolds Davis: Each time I get your card I always hope that there will be something exciting going on here in Spartenburg. But here we are again. School's last day was 6/3 so I'm finishing up 6th grade exams. God has a fabulous sense of humor; I do more homework and studying now than I ever did. Jeffery is 13 and Carter will soon be 11. Jeff and I are fine, we just had our 17th Anniversary and life is passing fast. I can't believe that in 2 more years the Class of 84 will be twenty years out. Glad we're not any older. Hope to see you in 2004!

Janel Lewis Shepherd: I am busy with 4 children in Atlanta! Robert (9), Gracie (5 1/2), William (3 1/2) and Anna (1) plus 3 dogs and 1 cat! We are finishing a summer house in Ponte Vedra, FL. I ran the Nashville marathon in April 2002 and raised money for ALS—Lou Gehrig's disease. I am also an active volunteer with the Atlanta Ballet, Shepherd Spinal Center and "Childrens Hospital Healthcare".

Mary Margaret Cranz Smith: I am still living in DC with my husband,

Rod and daughter, Nani who is 18 years old and will hopefully give SBC a look, a 16 year boy at Bullis and a 5 year old who was in the same class as **Stone Dreyer, Ellen Clare Gillespie**

(Dreyer)'s son. I talk to **Whitney Ball** often and she is doing well.

Shannon Young Ray: Everything is great here. The children will be in 9th, 5th and 2nd (triplets). We are learning to drive now! Breck has started his own executive search company and is doing very well. I continue full time at Young Oil Co and lots of volunteer board work. Hello to all my classmates!

Rosemarie Hermann Davis: Not much new. My life consists of taking care of three boys, Paul (6), John (4), and Mark (1) and husband, George. I love being at home with them, only wish I could keep up with the mess! Blessings!

Newell Carapezzi (formerly Lisa Schneider): As usual, Benji (7) and Grace (5) keep me extraordinarily busy! My husband Ron and I just returned from hosting clients in England and Scotland (while he does business, I spa!) While in London I caught the Chelsea Flower Show—very inspiring! We will spend 3 weeks on Block Island this summer—hopefully we'll have sun! I truly miss **Sharon Ingham Brown** and **Patsy Roby Gofredson**!

Colleen Kuebel Berthelot: Can you believe I have a teenager and a two year old! Needless to say I am keeping busy. I am enjoying a thriving commercial real estate career, 17 years now. Also Jackie and I will celebrate 17 years of marriage and my 40th in June 2002.

Caroline Reece Aquino: Happy working on a new house, bringing along new horse and playing with son Jamie and husband Agustin in The Plains, VA. Agustin is still with Salamander Farm and I'm enjoying freelance riding and teaching.

Helen Pruitt Butler: It's been too long since I last responded to the SBC news! My husband, Herb (of almost 19 years) and my son Herb (14) and daughter Frances (9 1/2) are still living in Charleston. I returned to the real estate business last year working for Prudential Carolina Real Estate. Herb is also a broker with Special Properties. My son is going to high school in the fall. Kids are taking up golf and love it. We are almost finished remodeling a 1950s home in the country club. It was a pretty big undertaking. Life is good! I see **Cathy Gregorie** and **Sherry Yates** every once in a while. I saw KP over the holidays. I hope to see more classmates in the near future.

Patricia Andonian: Not much new to report. No travel, vacations in exotic locations or anything so special! I did get (finally) 9 bookcases and a real oak desk for my office (at

home) and personal library. Finished unpacking 40+ boxes of books—for the first time in 15+ years I'm "civilized". I still work for the Producers-Writers Guild of America (PWGA) Pension and Health Funds. I help administer the "fringe benefits" of the WGA members/Hollywood screenwriters. It's been an interesting 5 years there. Payroll automation may see me "laid off" in the ensuing months—we'll see! I've heard from **Jenni Dodge Booyens**—who is very busy with 3 kids and going to school to be an R.N.—and trying to work part/full time too!

Vernice Thompson: I am currently employed as a gardener by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. I am still living in Remlik, which is a 50-mile commute from/to Williamsburg. I am still single and still looking for Mr. Right and will be 40 in August. I would like to find out how (and what) Myra Merritt '83 is doing since I have not heard from her in years.

Katherine Beck: I married Ross Preston in June of 2001. Nicholas (14) and Lexie (12) and I happily moved to Tallahassee, FL where they are in the 6th and 8th grades. I went to visit **Harriet McNair '82** in Houston to see her new daughter and visit with her other girls too.

Erika Dorr Marshall: Life at Lands End has been great. We have refurbished our old barn and fences. The 3 children Willy (10), Foster (9) and Elise (5) are all riding. Mr. Cronin and Jill / Riding Center at SBC are now in everyone's hearts. The children have enjoyed modeling—their latest shoot was for Pottery Barn Kids this spring/summer and fall 2002. Travel for the summer includes a visit to Debordeux and possibly England in Aug/Sept. Home schooling allows much flexibility and travel.

Virginia Spigener Teel: Hmmm...what to say...we are all getting older and seem to be very, very busy but what do we do?? I think I procrastinated and missed the last magazine. In January I opened a children's clothing store next door to our store, "The Wrinkled Egg". The clothing store is called, "Chicken Little", and is oh so cute!

Cathy Toomey Gregorie: Everything here is relatively calm. At this point we have no teenagers or infants! We spend our time managing the schedules of our 5—ages 12, 10, 8, 4, 3 (and two dogs)! I am still working for our stores as the accessories buyer and look forward to my escapes to the Atlanta market etc! We continue to work on our old house between tuition payments and have just finished landscaping the yard. I get to see **Lizzie Pierpoint Kerrison**, **Cheri Burritt Yates** and **Mary Pope Hulston** fairly often.

Betsie Hicks Zadeh: My husband, Frank, and I have been extremely busy

at our restaurant in Winnetta, FL. It's very challenging to accommodate all of the celebrities and VIP's we take care of here, but we enjoy every moment of it. We were able recently to travel to Southern California where we attended the wedding of a friend's daughter at the Beverly Hills Hilton where we stayed. The reception was held in the same ballroom where the Golden Globe Awards are held and we met **Julie Andrews**, **Sidney Poitier** and **Jay Leno**. We drove up and down the coast, but it passed too quickly as vacations always do. Frank and I are looking forward to going up to our house at Whitelake, Michigan where we go every summer. We are also in the midst of re-landscaping our house which has been fun to do. I'm in the Kenilworth Union Church Garden Club which comes in very handy.

Liz Rogers Boyd: We have had a great year. The boys are still happy in school and the millions of activities they do. Louie continues in trampolining (ha!), swimming and baseball. Tommy is happy with soccer, basketball, baseball, swimming and floor hockey (is this just a Minnesota thing?) We took a trip to the United Kingdom in June. We visited England, Scotland and Wales. This started as a trip for just Tom and me to celebrate our 40th birthdays and 15th wedding anniversary, but, being the alarmist that I am, I told him I could not leave my babies behind and possibly leave them orphans. Tom made the mistake of saying "let's take them with us!" That was the end of our romantic getaway, but, well worth it. The kids had a ball and were such troopers. It is so nice not to have to carry them or their stuff! Was it just me or did everyone overreact to the 40th birthday??? I went on Weight Watchers, cut and colored my hair and now exercise every day. I still drink like a fish! A girl has to have something!

Sara Greer Martin: I am living in Richmond, raising my three stepchildren Celdon 13, Derek 10, and Rebecca 8. It's a busy time. John (W&L '82) and I have been working on a major landscaping and stonework project in our back yard and are enjoying sitting by our outdoor fireplace, listening to the millstone fountain, and admiring the flowers. We feel like we're in Provence every evening! I see a lot of **Martha Weimer O'Brien**. We've renewed our old friendship and are in a literary club together. Her son Toby and our Derek really get along well, too.

Kristin Bryan and **Chuck Burliss** welcomed their 2nd baby girl on March 14, 2002. Eden Grace joins big sister Britt (2 yrs.) Four weeks later (!), we moved from Boston to Lexington, MA just outside the city. My hands are full, but I do love it! E-mail address: Kristinbbb2@aol.com

Margy Kramer Kircher: Sable (5)

and Cullen (3) are thoroughly loving having Mom around—we have a wonderful beach club nearby and my husband Stephen has a new boat so we have no reason to leave our neighborhood. I will return to my longstanding position as VP/Branch Manager @ Shields & Company in August though. And shortly thereafter both of my children will be heading for school

(kindergarten and nursery) and we will all return to schedules again!

Tricia Dolph Fallon: 2002 is my 40th birthday year and my theme is "taking my life back" after 3 kids and working for 16 years. My goals: to see old friends, to get back on a horse and go skiing again. Two out of three so far. I'll have to go skiing in December. Christina (7) Caroline (5) and Nicholas (2 1/2) are all doing great. Mike and I took June trip to Bermuda for 5 nights which I'd like to make into an annual event.

Katie Hofner: Just about to turn 40—and with the new decade comes a career shift. I recently accepted the position of President of Hydrogen Works—a new company based in Denver that is dedicated to promoting the use of hydrogen energy—a clean, abundant and safe alternative to oil! Perhaps a small positive solution to a post-911 world! I had a wonderful visit with Tricia (Dolph) Fallon this spring—and it's always such a joy to spend time with her and her family. Christina, her oldest daughter, is quite the young equestrian. It brought a big smile to my face this past fall when Christina called me early one Sunday in Colorado to share with me that she had just won her first ribbon at a horse show!

Margaret Dempsey: My latest news is that I have joined a clinical practice as a child psychologist just north of New Orleans in Mandeville, LA. I continue to teach Psychology to undergraduates at Tulane as an adjunct professor part-time. Otherwise, I am very happy and doing well!

Barbara Callahan O'Neill: I enjoy getting the SBC Club newsletter! I live in Pennington, NJ with my three children—John 11, Aidan 9 and Maura 5. We are really busy! I also work part time in a home furnishings shop in town and love it. I occasionally see **Valerie Sharpstone** at church.

Kathy Marion: Things continue to be great here in beautiful Colorado. We settled in as a family of six (the kids are now 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, and 6 1/2), then added a new family member: a dog (a Whippet, aged 5). May as well pile the plate high, right? We've made trips to Hawaii (sans kids!) and Sedona, Arizona (with kids) this year and had a great time. I'm planning to follow in my mother's footsteps and drive across the country by myself a couple times this year—well, not exactly alone...four kids and a dog will come along! It should be

great being able to visit lots of friends along the way without being tied down to my husband's work schedule. We're free as birds! We continue to work on the house and yard, and lots of my 'spare' time is spent on working on the kids' scrapbooks.

Louise Jones Geddes: How time flies! I cannot believe how large our 20th reunion looms.....What a milestone! My news is fairly tame. Like most of us, I hit 40 this year. Not too happy going into the home stretch, but once the date arrived I was "at peace" with it, and ready to get beyond it. Took a trip to San Francisco — with husband & without kids — to celebrate. A lovely trip! Have added two cats to the brood, to go with the 3 children, husband, and two dogs. All are well. The children will be at the same school this coming year — a first!! My youngest will stay all day too. So I'm timidly thinking of re-entering the work force....Hopefully by the time this is printed, I'll be gainfully employed!

Staci Skufca: I'm still in Boca Raton, FL. Just got back from vacation up in Kennebunkport, Maine. Had a great time up there. Looking forward to hearing about everyone.

Ann Alleva Taylor: This year has been very exciting for Carter and me. We welcomed our daughter Ann Cabot, on September 12. She is the light of our lives. Every day is a new adventure. She has brought a lot of perspective and meaning to us. Have spent some fun times with **Anne** and **Henry Sewell (Frierman)** over this past winter. Too many martinis and too many headaches. Maybe I am just getting too old!

Sister Mary Leanne a.k.a. Lee Hubbard: I am still teaching at La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks, CA. Most of my day, however, is spent as Campus Minister, helping students create retreats, liturgies and mission activities. As a religious, my name is Sister Mary Leanne, SND (Sister of Notre Dame). I am the godmother of Adrienne Anderson, the youngest daughter of **Wendy Birtcher Anderson** who lives in Laguna Niguel. In May I was present at Adrienne's First Communion at Mission San Juan Capistrano. It was great fun catching up with Wendy, her family and her four fabulous kids. Thanks for keeping us all connected... big job!

Tracy Glaves Spalding: Here are the highlights—Traveling to Egypt as a family. My father was retiring as a captain with TWA and we wanted to be on his last trip. It ended up being Cairo to JFK. Randy, Emma (age 9), Preston (age 7) and I flew over ahead and had a wonderful time. We found out that our children are wonderful travelers and are ready to try about anything (except eating pigeon!). My favorite photo is us on camels in front of the pyramids at Giza. The flight

home with my parents was wonderful—TWA was a great airline. I'm still staying home (what a laugh—do you really spend any time at home?). Emma is just finishing 3rd grade and Preston 1st. I thought I would have loads of free time and would organize my life. What a joke! I just volunteered more (but loved it). I feel very fortunate that I am able to stay home. Randy is working less and spending more time at home (yeah!). Thanks for putting the class notes together!!!

Juliet Jacobsen Kastorff: My years of kayaking have taken me to some beautiful rivers in very beautiful countries. But this May I had the opportunity to spend fourteen days paddling one of our own wonders—the Grand Canyon. It was a great experience! And my company Endless River Adventures seemed to survive for two weeks without me. I have also had the pleasure this past year of kayaking with several SBC alumni. It is so fun seeing more women involved in this sport!

Leslie Kirkby: Mountain Lakes, NJ is beautiful. Our two boys Ian (7) and Eric (4) are enjoying the lakes and woodlands, not to mention the garden. Richard, my husband of 12 years enjoys his very short commute to his office. We seem to be staying close to home as of late, with a few trips to the Eastern Shore of Maryland where my family country home is and up to Maine with both children to a camp house on the lakes. Sounds like camping to me but has a bath and electricity (and phone for Richard to keep in touch by computer to work). All and all we are all very happily quite in the "country". I'm enjoying housewifery and a little bit of photography—NYC is still home to me.

And as for me, **Gigi Collins:** I am still in Short Hills, NJ, same house, same handsome husband and having fun with Paige (8) in 2nd Grade and Michael Jr. (4 1/2) in Pre-K. When not playing Mom's taxi or working part-time with a local financial planner, I have gotten myself involved in the local Junior League, the local Arboretum & Bird Sanctuary, our own Sweet Briar College Alumnae Club of NJ, a co-Brownie Leader, and active participant in my kids' school running the Book Fair and being Class Agent. Whew! I didn't know that when you turned 40 you decided to take on the world! Happy Birthday to us ALL and thank you for writing in—it is so nice to be a part of such a wonderful group of women!

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Despite being few in number at our reunion, we had a fantastic weekend and enjoyed catching up with each other. We missed those of you who could not be with us and hope to see everyone back on campus for our 20th in 2007! Here's the news I received over the last month from some of our classmates:

Blair Beebe Smith lives in Richmond and enjoys being a full-time mother for Sarah (11), Peyton (8 1/2), and Harvard (5 1/2). Blair also volunteers and keeps up with **Liz Wilson Parrish**, **Caroline Trask Wallace**, **Cameron Clark Sipe**, and **Amy Watkins Tankard**.

Betsy Cunningham Morgan also lives in Richmond with her husband, Matt, and their 3 children: Hope (8), Anne (5 1/2), and Matthew (2 1/2). Betsy owns and operates her custom design and decorative painting business, **Betsy Morgan Designs**, and stays in touch with **Mary Via Cuoco**. Betsy sees Liz, Caroline and Blair around town.

Lee Carroll Roebuck recently attended the christening of **Pam Miscall Cusick's** second son, Colin (8 mos). **Drew Hardy Jubert** is his godmother. Lee loves being at home with son, CJ, who starts 1st grade this fall, and daughter, Emily, who is in preschool. Pam enjoys staying home with Colin and Conor (2 1/2), and was recently visited by **Kristin Kreassig Carter**, her husband, Dave, and their son, Scott. Pam also keeps in touch with **Pam Ythier Barkley**.

Kathy Bryan Sanders loves living in Colorado with her husband and their children: Josh (12) and Emily (9). They plan to take a family vacation to Hawaii soon. Kathy would love to see any classmates visiting the area.

Ann Moorberg Wentworth-Stanley reports that her children, Charlie (6) and Olivia (5), love school, while Ann is busy at home with their newest

arrival, Edward (1).

Maggie Fogarty really enjoys life as an at-home mom for Danny (4) and Mary (1). Maggie, Tim and the children recently spent a week in Newfoundland and plan to relocate to Latin America in 2003 for 4 years with the Mary Knoll program.

Barbara Smith still lives in Hillsborough, CA, where she sells residential real estate for Coldwell Banker. Barbara traveled to Egypt and Jordan with her father in January 2001, and recently got together with **Stephanie Harden O'Brien**.

Nancy Steenhuis is still doing horse massage and adjustments in Illinois. She is engaged, with a February '03 wedding planned, to Bill 'Blue' Knott who is the starter at Arlington Park Racetrack in Chicago.

Anne Farrell works in Antioch, IL, as a veterinarian and travels whenever she can. Anne hopes to make it back to SBC for a reunion.

Shannon Wood Bush lives in Refugio, TX with her husband, Chris, and their 2 children: Eleanor (7) and Bennett (3 1/2). Shannon and Chris, who has been cancer-free for 2 years, run beef cattle on their ranch. Shannon is also the Media and PR Chair for the 2002 ADT Optimist World Sailing Championships in Corpus Christi and VP of the school Parents' Organization. Eleanor is in the 1st grade, sails an Optimist, and is a rock star in Green Fleet. Bennett starts N3 classes and spent most of his summer splashing around the pool.

Jessica Steinhice Mathews married Bruce Mathews in 1997. Their son, Eric, was born prematurely by 2 1/2 months in March 2000 and is doing really well now. Jessica tutors English skills for foreign nationals working in Washington, D.C., while Bruce is a video engineer with Verizon. Bruce's daughter, Aimee, lives with them and recently got her driver's license.

Paige Taylor recently moved to Laguna Beach, CA, and plans to marry Rick Hall in October. Rick is in the golf business, so Paige has been playing a lot of golf and tennis. Paige has also spent a lot of time in Virginia helping her mom with their Antique Mall. Paige spent a weekend in Napa Valley with **Evan Wright Castelo** and her husband, followed by a visit to Evan in Austin, TX, after Evan's son, Christian, was born.

Julianne Burkhardt lives in Helena, MT, where she practices with a small litigation firm, Thueson and Lamb, which specializes in trial and appellate work representing plaintiffs exclusively. Julianne recently bought her dream house, a Victorian built in 1890 with mountains literally in her back yard, where she lives with her elderly golden retriever, Boone. If anyone plans to be in Montana on vacation, Julianne would love to hear from

you.

Lezlie Varisco Pinto lives in Fort Worth, TX, with her husband, Victor, and their 3 children: Victor (6), Brazos (5), and Christian (2). The family recently traveled to CA to visit Disneyland and the beach, and to the mountains in NM. Lezlie and Victor spent time alone in Europe and plan to visit Hawaii in October for their 10th wedding anniversary. The whole family will spend Thanksgiving in Philadelphia. Victor works for an Italian corrugating machinery company and travels to Milan frequently, while Lezlie loves being a stay-at-home mom. Victor is in 1st grade, Brazos attends Bridge class and Christian goes to class twice a week. The family recently acquired a six week old Boston Bulldog puppy. Lezlie stays in touch with **Kathy Bryan Sanders** and **Jill O'Ree Stryker**.

Kathy Miller Sanghani loves being at home with her son, Milan Alexander, born 5/98. Kathy's husband, Sumeet, is a Senior Manager with Ernst and Young's Communication Advisory Services in Kansas City. Sumeet travels frequently, so Kathy and Milan have fun joining him in various cities. Kathy keeps in touch with **Margaretta Colangelo** and plans to return to her career in architecture when Milan is older.

Teresa Pike Tomlinson and her husband, Trip, work for the same law firm in Columbus, GA. Work keeps Teresa traveling a lot, but it's exciting and she loves it. Teresa presently has a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. In her spare time, Teresa serves on Columbus' Board of Architectural and Historic Review and Columbus' Tree Ordinance Committee. Teresa is also involved in a project to revitalize the business district of Columbus' Historic Midtown area.

Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel works at Neiman-Marcus part-time, shows the Worth Collection, and continues to build her Arbonne team. She also helps Denton Freeman Kump '88 with her handbag business. Linda Mae spent a week in Seaside, FL, with Martha Shorter '85, Stacey '85, and Karla '85. Linda Mae and her husband, Todd, loved being back at SBC for reunion.

Mollee Buckingham Lewis moved to Martha's Vineyard in 1994 with her husband, Lorne. They have 2 boys, Chace (10/29/97) and Graham (2/22/02). Mollee and Lorne bought Martha's Vineyard Travel Bureau Inc. in February 1999.

Carol Jones Smith hated missing reunion, but was 8 months pregnant with girl #3 at the time. Her children, Emily (5) and Katie (4), spent the summer enjoying soccer camp and swimming lessons. Carol still works from home as a paralegal for a cyber-law firm of working moms. Her husband finishes his degree next year and

they will move on to Seminary. After that, they plan to enter the foreign mission field.

Ann McAllister-Thomas' children, Priscilla (5) and Grace (3), are doing well. Priscilla is in ballet and both girls are learning to swim. Ann is busy starting her own business at home, as well as working part-time at an ad agency. Ann and her husband, Peter, recently celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary.

Angelyn Schmid is a stay-at-home mom in Plano, TX, for her daughter, Darah (3). Angelyn's husband, John, works out of the house for a telecom company.

Dede Connors King and her husband, Charlie, recently moved to a new house in Martinsville, VA, with their children: Agnes (5) and Rob (10 months; born 9/13). Dede is in her 3rd year of teaching high school math classes at the Carlisle School and loves it.

Rebecca Michie McVeigh and her husband, Charlie, are doing well in Lynchburg, VA. Emory just turned 5 and Charlie Jr. is 2. The past few years have been hectic with Rebecca on bed rest during her pregnancy with twins, which resulted in the birth of two boys, William Henry and Charles Bonsall, Jr., on 3/8/00. William died on 3/17/00. Rebecca writes that Emory and Baby Charlie keep them going and keep them blessed!

Lastly, my husband, Greg, and I (**Molly Ziebold Sampson**) are happily ensconced in Hermosa Beach, CA, where we are currently house-hunting. I left my job at Arthur Andersen last fall and Greg and I spent a month traveling through Australia and New Zealand. I had the chance to visit **Kristin Foley** in New York recently, while accompanying Greg on a business trip. Thanks for all of the news that was submitted and please keep in touch.

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With a troubling year behind us all, it was wonderful to hear so much good news from so many of you. There are lots of great things going on

in all of our lives, so I hope you enjoy the news!

Our first set of news is written with great sadness. **Stacy Gilmore Hicks** reports that **Amy Calandra Zechini** lost her son Zachary this past Christmas. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers in getting through such a terrible loss. Stacy herself is living in Charleston, SC where she is very busy with her church, neighborhood, Haley's school and the Junior League. She is also working for an interior decorator. Haley will be starting the second grade this year and is very busy with swimming, gymnastics, piano, choir and tennis. **Cheryl Bishop Gilman** is expecting another child. She and her family spent a wonderful vacation in Kiawah Island, SC this past May. She is very thankful that their special events company is going strong after the hard times of last year. **Becki Finkbeiner Streett** writes that she is in Little Rock, AR with her family, McKinley—5, Perry—4 and Hannah—2. She and her husband have been running marathons—though very slowly she says. Please stop by if you are in the area.

Elizabeth Mason Horsely and family welcomed their second son, Will, in December 2001. She made partner in the law firm she works for, Williams Mullen, where she practices commercial litigation. They are still living in the Fan, in Richmond. She looks forward to her sister's wedding in August and seeing some SBC alums—**Wesley Foster Huffard** and **Nancy Bethea Howell**. **Anne Richardson Lackey** reports that she and her husband are finishing up building a house in North GA on 13.27 acres. She and Mark were their own general contractors, a tough experience. She still works as a Vice President in Sales for eAtlanta, Inc, a local technology consulting company. She would love to hear from anyone traveling through Atlanta. **Stephanie Dance Tancredi** writes that she and her family are living in Memphis. She is a stay-at-home mom with her son Daniel—5 and Samantha—2. They continue to spend their vacation each summer at her mom's house in CT. Her dad passed away in 2000. In Memphis, they are in the process of building a new home. She says it's crazy in how long it takes to figure out where to place your home on the lot! She welcomes anyone coming her way. She says she is amazed at how time flies and that she can't believe that she could possibly be old enough to have her children...wasn't it just yesterday that **Meg Caulk** lit her room on fire in Gray Dorm?? Time does fly by! **Rosanna Jones-Thurman** reports that she is in private practice as a clinical psychologist in Omaha, NE. All is going well with her and her husband Danny. She occasionally keeps in touch with **Renee Merion**. She, as

well, would love to see anyone who is traveling through the Midwest. **Renee Merion** was married in August 2001 and had a wonderful two weeks in Hawaii. Her husband Greg's daughters were her junior bridesmaids. She is currently planning a trip to Tahiti for her first anniversary. Renee still works with the District Attorney's office and has just recently become head of the Juvenile Prosecution Unit. She occasionally hears from **Dawn Czaplicki Hutchison** (88), **Melinda Wick Aufmuth** (92), Rosanna, as mentioned above, and **Anne Vogel Swan** (92). After buying a condo in Chicago, gutting and renovating it **Julie Brooks** has moved to Miami. She was offered a great position she says she could not turn down as the Grants Administrator for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Florida. (I think she moved for the weather, how about you??) She moved into an apartment in Miami Beach while still keeping her condo in Chicago. She enjoys spending time with **Hildee Williams Wilson** (89) who was her connection for her new position. **Catherine Holberg Minor** and her family live in Carrollton, TX and have just bought a farm outside town. She is a full time mom with her two children and says she is working harder than she has ever worked. **Amy Elizabeth Burton** is working for the US Senate Curator's office, which had a role in the remediation of the anthraxed Hart Senate Office Building. She is delighted to report that her 86-year-old grandmother underwent radiation on her cancer and it is completely gone. Congratulations!

Rickie Fischer, German exchange student—89/90, says that she is still busy renovating her house on the Mosel. She is working fulltime as a freelance interpreter for the EU during the week (Brussels-Strasbourg-Luxembourg) and is training "Old Faithful Pepp", her 21-year-old horse for long distance rides. She is still happily being single.

Amanda Priddy Berkey says she loved seeing the SBC gang at Ann Beatty Malone's wedding in August 2001. This past spring she assisted in coordinating and participated in an Alabama Trade Mission to Mexico and Costa Rica. She and husband Chris have been adding on to their house in Huntsville. **Nancy Kershner** will be completing her MS in School Library Media in December, after 10 years of teaching in the elementary classroom. She is now the Library Media Specialist at Amelon Elementary in Madison Heights, VA. Her son Geoff graduated from the University of the Arts two years ago and is now artistic director and co-founder of Crescendo Theatre Company in Philadelphia. Her other son Philip will be a junior at William and Mary, majoring in music. **Jacy Allen Carter** and her husband are still in Colorado. They are expect-

ing their first child in October. She is so excited! She and Ben are going to start building a house in the spring so they are preparing for a very busy year ahead. **Brandi Beck Fowler** reports that she has just completed her doctorate in clinical psychology and is officially a Psychologist. She and her husband are still living in Los Angeles. **Brandi keeps in touch with Heather Colson Ewing, Kana Roess Goldsmith (91), Beth Malloy Butler, Elizabeth Mason Horseley and Jacy Carter Allen. Beth Babbitt Bowen and John (UVA 90) are enjoying their summer with their two daughters, Sarah—4 and Hannah—2 in Colorado. They spent a fun vacation taking their kids to San Diego, Sea World and Wild Animal Park. Carole Witherington Lumpkin and family just moved into a new house in Athens, GA. Her husband is opening a restaurant, Hill Top Grille, and would love for anyone and everyone to come and visit. If any of you have done international adoption, Carole would love to hear from you as she and her husband are considering it for their second child. If you would like her address, please contact either Sweet Briar or myself and I will pass it along. Cecilia Schultz Haynie and husband Harris (HSC 91) live in Charlottesville with their two sons, Graham—4 and George—8 months. She is looking forward to her vacation to a dude ranch in Wyoming this summer, adopting the 'cowboy' way of life. Amy Kroeger has moved to Guadalajara, Mexico to attend medical school for the next two years. She will then transfer back to a school in the United States and finish up medical school. She is looking forward to becoming an Emergency Room doctor. Dena Burnham Wong and Tony are still living in Fredericksburg, VA where she is currently an operating room manager at an ambulatory surgery center. She spends her free time playing with her dogs and showing her horse.**

Lisa Bernstein and her son, Benjamin—2, are living in Trappe, MD on the eastern shore. She says she "is rich with joy, love, peace and gratitude when I look at life through Ben's life." I think a lot of us feel that way. Lisa is preparing to begin a masters program in Social Work at Salisbury University in the fall. If you would like her e-mail address, please feel free to contact me. Candace Collins Preston was able to meet up with Claire Williams, her daughter Kaitlin Jane born November 27, 2001 and husband Marlon in New Orleans this past April. They had a great time visiting and seeing the sights of the Big Easy. Dolly Garcia is expecting her third child in November. She will be having another girl. She looks forward to reuniting with others at Beth Pesiri's wedding in September. Beth reports that she is a new aunt. She and her

fiancée are currently looking for a house to move into after their wedding. She says that she recently received a promotion at work and is now the Admissions Manager and Art Therapist for the Stamford School Readiness Program. **Chris Carriere Zazulak and husband Scott just celebrated their tenth anniversary. They are very busy with their four boys. Chris spends time volunteering at their school. She will also be attending Beth's wedding.**

Louise Bouldin Carter is expecting her first child, a girl she is naming Virginia, after her mother. Her due date is in August. Louise is currently living in Atlanta, but is about to move again now that her husband has finished his fellowship. Ann Beatty Malone is living in Alexandria, VA where she and her husband Bill just recently bought a new home. She is still working for Johnson and Johnson in Sales and is expecting her first child in December. Chiara Ascari was just recently married to Scott Bailey on May 5, 2002 in Amherst, VA. She had a lovely reception on the Sweet Briar campus and enjoyed her honeymoon in Hawaii. Chiara works at the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority where she just received a promotion to Mental Health Clinician. She lives in Mechanicsville. Lisa Waldrop Hammerschmidt is enjoying her busy life with Trinity—2 1/2, and Link Reid born January 14, 2002. She and her husband are currently adding on to their barn and living space. Lisa keeps about 25 horses in their boarding/breeding/training/teaching operation. She keeps in touch with Susan Beebe, whom she reports is experiencing great success in the eventing world—perhaps Olympic bound. Let's make sure we all root for her! Kelly Wood Erickson, husband Steve and children, Jack—4 years and Sophie—2 years, have just relocated to Warner Robins, GA.

Cata McDonald sends greetings from London where she and her husband are now living. She says she had a great wedding last July in Palm Beach with several friends from SBC—Sarah Andres, Julie Brooks, Leslie Carson Albizzati and Lara Fieve. She recently bumped into Anne Maitrepierre whom she reports is a brand new mom to a little boy.

Larissa Webb writes that she is working as a therapist for children and families. She eloped to St Lucia. Her son will celebrate his fourth birthday in November. Gladden Adam Falivene and Phil are still living in Warren, NJ with Ellie—3 1/2 and James—1.

Rachel Renzy Meima announces that Rose—3 became a big sister to Stephen Hughes this past November. She is very busy with home renovations and her children. Her husband Steve is busy as well with his new position at Lafarge North America, a building material manufacturer. She

was able to get away to Charleston, SC to visit Anne Galbreath Jenkins and her husband Ron. Liisa Fink Weinberg loves living in North Carolina with her husband and two children, William—2 and Lindsay -2 (her children were born 11 months apart). God bless you! She is still working for Morgan Stanley and says she would love to hear from anyone who lives in the Charlotte area or anyone who may be traveling that way. Tracey Thomas Jones and husband Jonathon have celebrated their twelfth anniversary this year. They are hoping for a brother or sister for their son Nathaniel—2. She and her husband continue to minister to a multi-racial urban congregation and work with Kosovar refugees. Her husband just returned from spending a month preaching in Uganda. They are living in Jacksonville, FL and Tracey keeps in touch with Kelleigh Klym, Linka Weyrauch Parlee, Kristen Rieder Costello and Christina Andert Hoy. Tisa Delaney Pearce writes that she and her family spent a vacation at Disney's Animal Kingdom with Heather Colson Ewing and family, Claire and Charlie Griffith and Anne Mobley Hassett (87) and her family.

Thank you all for writing: I look forward to hearing from more of you next time around. As for myself, my husband JR, daughter Emma and I, **Jean Spillane Benning**, are looking forward to a new addition to our family in early February. We still live outside Philadelphia where we bought my husband's parents home. It's a home that used to be a male boarding school. It's over 200 years old and we have spent the past year renovating it. We both feel as though we will always be renovating! I am still working as a Product Specialist for a disaster recovery software firm. For those of you who knew my dog Snickers, he was killed this past year which has made us all very sad.

Please keep in touch with me at jean_benning@hotmail.com and I will forward your notes on to the Alumnae office. As well, any pictures that you want to send would be greatly appreciated for the next reunion!

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Paula "Muffin" Steers Farese, John and Emma Reed (3) welcomed daughter Ellis Kilbourne on August 15, 2002. Muffin spent her time earlier in the summer moving the family down the road to Oxford, MS.

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Hello Class of '96! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. It seems everyone has been busy since reunion. The last year has given us engagements, weddings, new babies, incredible jobs and outstanding educations. Read on to find out who's doing what...

Paige Vaught married Chris Campion on Nov. 17, 2002 at the SBC Chapel. Amy Daugherty, Jennifer Truzpek and Carrie James '95 were bridesmaids. A ton of SBC girls had a mini-reunion on campus including Rachel Baltus, Angie Conklin, Mary Copeland, Lee Foley Dolan, Jesse Durham, Julie Hildebrand, Laura Lechler and Imogen Slade. Paige is enjoying married life, and is planning a baby shower for Jenn Truzpek in August. Laura Lechler writes that she just spent a week in Boston at a Math Conference and was able to visit with Sarah Chaffee Paris and her husband Jon. She also saw a bunch of gals at Lee Foley Dolan's baby shower in Richmond in May. Among those in attendance were Jesse Durham, Rachel Baltus, Paige Vaught Campion, Jen Beck Locke and Annie Pankoski. Lee and Duke Dolan are excited to share the news about the birth of their son Henry Starke Dolan born 6/6/02. In addition to being busy with their new son, Lee and Duke are moving into a new home in July. She's

seen quite a few SBC girls and looks forward to future gatherings. This past March **Jesse Durham** started a new job as a meeting planner for Strategic Analyses, Inc. in Arlington, VA and absolutely loves it. She's planning meetings in the DC Metro area, as well as San Diego and the Florida Keys. She sees Rachel Baltus who works at Georgetown University, and **Jen Beck Locke** now that she and Hunter live in nearby NC.

Angie Conklin Abell continues to work as a real estate broker on Chincoteague Island, VA. She and husband Barry are expecting their second child this September! Angie feels very fortunate with her career in real estate, as it allows her to bring her son to work, as well as work from home 3 days a week. She keeps herself very busy with their son, big house, Labrador, Golden Retriever and cat. She welcomes all alums to visit her at the beach—her door is always open! **Imogen Slade** stills works for Noldus Information Technology and travels quite a bit for work. She just celebrated her one-year anniversary in her first home. She has a new Jack Russell Terrier, Hattie, who is racing and doing great. She's enjoyed spending time with **Julie Hildebrand**, **Sarah Young** and seeing **Leah Jorgensen** over the 4th of July. She's also looking forward to more events in the DC Metro area, so all you DC girls better get busy planning! **April Collins Potterfield** writes that she married Russell Potterfield in an outdoor ceremony at his home this past June. **Catherine King Fink** and **Jennifer Truzpek** were bridesmaids, and **Sarah Chaffee Paris** read. She and Russell honeymooned in Nova Scotia. She's currently living in Ann Arbor, MI where Russell is completing his MBA. They're spending 3 1/2 weeks on Safari in Tanzania this summer, and following up with a trip to Alaska. She's enjoying a slower pace with graduate school finished. **Sarah Chaffee** and husband Jonathan are excited to share the news that they are expecting their first child in February! **Mary Margaret Dixon** shares the news of her engagement! She's marrying Andy Biss from western NY on October 12, 2002 in Birmingham, AL. They met at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA where they're both employed. **Sarah Dennis Roberts** and **Hilary Carlson** will both be bridesmaids.

Sarah Reidy is enjoying having her own business as a personal assistant in Atlanta. Her job lets her blend her design and cooking skills as her clients may need. She's looking forward to being in **Kelly Collins'** wedding at SBC in September '02. **Elizabeth Groves** just completed her MBA at UVA's Darden and is getting ready to move to Baltimore. She'll be starting a new job with Mercantile's Private Bank. **Lindsay Mactavish** is

currently working for the Pennsylvania Department of Health in the Bureau of Chronic Diseases and Injury Prevention's Health Education and Information Program in Harrisburg. **Janine Paris-Mesanko Schofield** and husband Paul have relocated to Virginia Beach, VA where Paul is a lawyer with the U.S. Navy J.A.G. Corps. Janine teaches fifth grade at The Holy Trinity School in Norfolk. They've been spending a lot of time traveling and have visited Germany, Austria, France and England. **Heidi Ann Faulconer** married Thomas Michael Cavanaugh on March 23, 2002 in Lynchburg, VA. The couple honeymooned in Aruba, and is residing in Branchburg, NJ. Both work for Pharmacia Corp—Heidi works as a sales representative, and Thomas is a marketing communications manager. **Jennifer Smith** just completed her first year working at the U of Richmond—Westhampton College Dean's Office and loves Richmond. She also got engaged to the love of her life, Erskine Kelley, on January 26th at her surprise birthday party. The two are thoroughly enjoying their engagement, and living in the same city after 5 years long distance. Jen spends time with **Reneca Rose '97** and her son Jabari who turned one-year-old in January. She also sees **Lynn Davis Saunders** with whom she's planning their 10 year high school reunion. She'll be attending **DeAndrea Thomas's '95** wedding on June 8th and will be one of her Maids of Honor. **Mo Broderick Eaton** filled us in on her adventures of last summer as well as this summer. Last summer she and husband Stuart spent two weeks in Costa Rica with students and then three weeks in Peru with friends. They hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu where Mo picked up an intestinal parasite—yuck! However, the parasite helped Mo to lose a few critical pounds that allowed her to win the 2001 Mountain Bike Racing Series for Oregon in her category. The next time Mo races it'll be as an expert! This summer however, Mo took time off from racing to have Miles Broderick Eaton born 6/6/02 and weighing 8lbs, 10 oz. She's says he's an easy baby and her husband and she are spending lots of time with him during their three months off from teaching.

Heather Baskett recently moved from New Orleans to Atlanta and is working for Zoo Atlanta. She works with elephants and carnivores. She keeps in touch with **Melanie Vracas**, **Dingo Loy** and **Penelope Spain**. **Melanie Snyder Giggenbach** and husband Bader had their first child, a son, named Nikolaus Cy Giggenbach. He is a welcome addition to their household, and has turned their lives wonderfully upside-down. She says she "never realized what joy one can experience from becoming a mom

and knowing that a little one loves and trusts you unconditionally". She hopes everything is well with Class of '96. **Anne Collins Sinha** absolutely loves California. She says living near both the ocean and the mountains is the best of both worlds. She works for a Norway-based, fast-growing online survey software company and loves her job. She and her husband keep busy with work and travel, hoping to travel either to Southern Spain or Greece next. They'll also be visiting India this December. She'd love to hear from other "Suzy Sweets"—feel free to email! **Rachel Cooper** is still working at Johns Hopkins University in a lab that is studying how HIV affects the brain. She also recently started graduate school at Hopkins in the Biotechnology Program, and is getting married to Mark Gray on August 30, 2003. Her biggest recent news is that her horse Pixi gave birth to a beautiful filly on May 13th. She's a bay with a blaze and looks nothing like Pixi or the filly's father. Proud Mom would be happy to share pictures with anybody! **Wynn Cole** is still living in Richmond, VA and works as a print producer at an advertising agency called The Martin Agency. She currently works on the UPS account and loves it. She's marrying HSC grad Blake Burr on October 19, 2002 in Richmond with **Katie Campbell** as Maid of Honor, **Rachael Boyd Belmonte** as Matron of Honor, and **Buff Barkley Ramsey**, **Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson '97** and **Jessica Meier '97** as bridesmaids. She and Blake will be honeymooning in Bermuda. **Rachael Boyd Belmonte** writes that son Will is now 18 months old! Husband Joe and she still live in Emporia, VA and Rachel teaches high school mathematics. **Buff Barkley Ramsey** and husband Jarratt are having a baby! She's due January 2003. They're both very excited about the "bean in my belly that is making me feel seaskill all the time". She also had news of **Carson Scheppe's** wedding in Jacksonville, FL. She saw '95 grads **Maren Howard**, **Eileen Yates**, **Lucy DeOliveira**, **Meredith Williams** and **Jessica John** (with baby Treat), as well as **Katie Campbell** and **Monica Paul Dennis**. **Monica** and **Matt** are living in Michigan and have two little ones, **Carson** and **Wyatt**. **Monica** recently participated in the AVON Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk in Chicago. She and her sister covered 60 miles in 3 days to raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer. **Amelia Dudman Atwill** married '92 HSC grad Charlie on June 1, 2002. **Claire Myers** and **Johana Kelleher Hoofnagle '93** were bridesmaids. **Rachel Briers Bell**, **Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell**, **JoAnna Reynolds** and **Kathy Whitby '95** were in attendance. **Amelia's** keeping busy with work and applying to grad school for Art History. **Rachel Briers Bell** just

returned from Amelia's wedding where she saw all the aforementioned SBCers and had a great time. She and husband Ed are living in southwest Florida and are excited about expecting baby #1 in January!

Jessica Crowley is still in Austin and loves it. She just started her own small business "Crowley Consulting" focusing on executive and attorney placement. She says it's a little scary, but also very exciting, and things are going well so far! She keeps in touch with **Claire Meyers**, **Amelia Dudman Atwill**, **Jeni Brundage Turner**, **Wynn Cole**, **Buff Barkley Ramsey**, **Katie Campbell**, **Liza Kirby**, **JoAnna Reynolds** and **Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell** just to name a few. She welcomes visitors to Austin!

Robin Bettger Fishburne is moving for the 7th time in 6 years—and hopes it will be the last for awhile! They're moving from Lake Mary, FL to Robin's hometown of Greenville, SC on June 1st. She's currently looking for a job, so if anyone knows of any openings in Greenville please email Robin. She's also attending **Sarah Betz's** wedding in June where **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun '95** is Matron of Honor.

Lisa Aumiller is starting her 3rd year of practice as a veterinarian in Willingboro, NJ. She just got engaged to the man of her dreams on a hot air balloon with plans to marry June 2003. She keeps in touch with **Tracy Walters** who will be her Maid of Honor.

Leah Jorgensen recently passed her International Wine Exam in NYC and is currently the Hospitality and Events (Tasting Room) Manager at Chrysalis Vineyards in Middleburg, VA. Leah is also active at the Bethesda Writers Center where she sees **Catherine Hill** (daughter of former SBC President Barbara Hill), now a junior at Yale University. Leah just completed her first feature-length screenplay in June.

Alexandria Hiribarne still has a healing practice and is teaching Kundalini Yoga in addition to working for the Secretary General of the Sikh Dharma, based at the worldwide headquarters in New Mexico. She plans on moving to NM in the fall.

Cindy Rakow Prewitt, husband Steven and dogs Dexter and Lucy still reside in Falls Church, VA where Cindy owns and manages her own marketing consulting business. Cindy still rides competitively and spends many a day at the barn.

Half-Golden, half-Chow Leo Magistro lives very comfortably in Washington DC in a 2-bedroom apartment he shares with his owner **Meg Magistro**. Leo's had a great summer playing, napping and vacationing in the Hamptons with Meg. He'll be sad when she starts her 5th year of teaching at Georgetown Day School this fall.

In February Alex, Leah, Meg, Cindy and I met in Philadelphia for a mini-reunion, and spent a day pampering ourselves at a spa. Everyone looked great! As for me, **Eileen MacMurtrie**, I'm soon to hit the road! I left my job at Hopkins this past May and am working for a travel nursing company. They provide me with a three-month contract in the city of my choice. First stop—San Francisco! Hope to see some of you on my travels. Be Good, Be Safe and Keep in Touch!

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Hello to everyone in the class of 1999! It has certainly been a busy year, with everyone in grad school, weddings galore and even babies!

Kelly Turner Gatzke married Benjamin Gatzke (West Point '99) on May 25, 2002 in Forsyth Park, Savannah, GA. Kelly is currently working as a commercial real estate paralegal for a law firm in Savannah, with the hopes of attending law school soon. She and Ben have adopted a dog named Lady and are very happy. **Anna (Carmichael) Redding** and Chuck are loving married life and have added a chocolate lab named Hank to the family. Anna is currently working in Hanover Country as a school counselor. **Catherine (London) Clayton** and her husband are living in Denver, and Catherine is working as an artist. They have a cat named Forsie and are doing a ton of skiing!

Lindsey Neef graduated from UNC Law School in May, and is currently job hunting. **Melissa Henning** is living in Alexandria, VA, and is engaged to be married on July 27, 2002 to Barrett Hill. They will be honeymooning in the Virgin Islands. Bridesmaids will include **Kris Harris**, **Heather McLeod** and **Tina (Hansel) Snover**. Melissa tells us that Tina was married on June 15th to husband David. She has started a new Fellowship of Christian Athletes office in Prince William County, and is living in Manassas.

We have also learned that **Megan (Senecal) Burton** gave birth to a baby

girl in March. **Meredith Tillery** is living and working in Greenville, SC as a private investigator!

Susan (Hurley) Upshaw is attending the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at UVA. She attended **Bridget Meier's** wedding in April, where she saw **Wendy (Webb) Walker**, **Tina Snover** and **Kris Hansel**. Susan and Gary are expecting their first child in December. **Kathryn (Taylor) Paine** and husband Jonathan were married on Dec. 29, 2001 in Houston. They spent their honeymoon at the Las Brisas Hotel.

Lillie (Voght) Tillar and husband just purchased their first home and are living in Raleigh. Lillie is teaching first grade, and keeps in touch with **Lynne Boyd**, **Gina Mondel**, **Tina Brady**, **Erin Vlasaty** and **Amy Jo Downing**. Lynne is living in Durham and is in graduate school at Duke for Environmental Studies. Gina is living between Florida and New Jersey, and is showing horses and tutoring children. Tina was recently accepted to law school at the University of South Carolina and Erin continues to work for a non-profit company. Amy Jo is living in Manhattan and continues to work for Rothschild Inc.

Sarah Dean just completed the MFA program in creative writing at George Mason University. We have also learned that **Alison Oates** continues to work for Pfizer, and **Annie (Knaz) Jung** has given birth to a little girl, Bella, and has been taking classes toward her Master's degree. **Megan Butt's** life has been full of excitement. She recently became engaged to Chris Glover, and they will be married in October, 2002 in St. Thomas. Megan is currently working as a realtor and recently added a dog to the family, along with a cat, iguana, four frogs and two fish tanks.

Meredith (Bonnell) Houff married James on May 4. Bridesmaids included **Marlena Dearman**, **Katie Leeming**, **Jill Triana** and **Kim Bolz-Andolshek**. Meredith is still working for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in Alexandria. Kim and Justin have been in their new home in Pequot Lakes, MN for almost a year. They are the owners of a coffee shop and a grocery store. Kim is also selling pharmaceuticals. **Natasha (Alam) Shafi** is currently working in New York at the Ludwig Institute, and is doing cancer research. She tells us that **Amy Smith** is starting Law School in the fall of 2002 at Washington & Lee.

Devon Vasconcellos is still living in Austin, TX with her boyfriend Steve and their two bunnies, Gatsby and Sport. Devon is currently in summer school, and is working part-time in the housing division of legal aid of Central Texas. Devon spent a couple of days in DC with **Andrea Dubenezic** last Christmas, where she is working at the Center for Applied Linguistics.

Aracelie Castro writes to us from Korea, where she has been for the past year. From there she is traveling to the Sinai Peninsula, where she will be working at the Disbursing Office as part of the Multi-National Force and Observers. **Sarah Elkins** began a Master's of English at Texas Woman's University in June. She is living in the Dallas area with her dog, Caley, and her cat, Faulkner. She was in **Kelly Turney-Gatzke's** wedding. **Shannon (Weisenberger) Habenicht** and Andy (H-SC 99) were married on June 1st in Richmond. They are living in Alexandria, where Shannon is a marketing communications specialist and is also writing occasionally for the *Washington Post* and *On Tap*.

Lindsay Hicks has returned from her mission in France, and is working for a PR agency in Phoenix. **Natasha White** is living in the San Francisco Bay area, and is working as a tennis pro at a private club while pursuing her MBA. **Emily Sartor** is getting her Masters of Social Work at UNC-Greensboro, and is living with **Jill Triana**. Jill graduated in May from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Psychology and Counseling. She is still dating Mike York. **Emily Clark** recently graduated from George Mason with an MFA in Creative Writing, and is engaged to be married. **Shannon Smith** is living in Raleigh, and is working at the Bowman Animal Hospital and Cat Clinic. She has been admitted to the NCSU College of Veterinary medicine. **Jennifer Crutcher** recently graduated from UMass Amherst with a Master's in English. She is moving to Austin and keeps in touch with **Aimee Armentrout**, **Julie Harju**, **Debbie (Lanham) Bushek** and **Marisha Bourgeois**. **Sara Catherine Clyburn** is still working at SBC, and is engaged to a H-SC man. They will be married in August, 2002, in Charleston, SC.

After leaving SBC, **Valerie Roche** went on to attend Pepperdine. She is living in CA, and is very happy! **Alex Sienkiewicz** tells us that she has left the hotel business, and is happily employed as the Meetings & Events Coordinator for the Association Management Network in Longwood, FL. She is currently living in Orlando and is loving life! **Jen (Schmidt) Major** is still living in Bad Aibling, Germany, and will be there until at least July, 2003. She and husband Mike recently welcomed their second child, Emily, into the family. Jen tells us that Anna (their first) loves being a big sister! Jen is still working as an instructor for the College of Central Texas, teaching academic skills to soldiers on the base. **Elizabeth Melvin** is still in Charlotte, working for the Bank of America as a Mutual Fund Trader. She is also taking night classes in graphic design, and keeps in touch with **Leslie Hardy**, **Jill**

Triana, **Dorminey** and **K. Hard!** **Krista Wigginton** is marrying Latham Gravatt in August, 2002. **Emily Poore** is working at Arches National Park in Utah. **Ami Hernandez** is currently enrolled at Boston College in a dual-degree program in pastoral counseling and social work. **Sara Skoglund** is working as a dance teacher all around the DC metro area. **Jessica Dennig** just graduated with her Master's in Information Systems. **Meghan (Pollard) Leypoldt** married Steve on April 27th. Bridesmaids included **Katelin (Chmielinski) Garland**, **Brandi Whitley**, **Laura Lamb** and **Sarah (Kingsley) Foley**. Other 99ers in attendance were **Joce Wiherle** and **Amy (Gibbs) Brown**. Meghan and Steve recently purchased their first home in Durham, where they have a lab, Lucy. Meghan is still at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, where she works as an admissions counselor. Brandi Whitley is in her fourth year of grad school at UNC-Chapel Hill in Pathology, and is studying breast cancer. She is happily living with her dog, Indiana, and her boyfriend Tom. Sarah and husband Robert are living in Williamsburg, where Sarah teaches German and coaches cheerleading at the College of William and Mary. They recently made a new addition to their family, a German Shepard named Leika. Laura Lamb is in her fourth year of grad school at Duke University, and is living in Durham. She recently added two new members to her household. Two dogs named Vixen and Briar! Joce Wiherle is engaged to Kent Greimel, and is currently in law school. Amy is living with husband Kenton in Chevy Chase, MD, and is enrolled in graduate school in interior design! Katelin and husband Philip are expecting twin boys in August, 2002. The boys will be named Thomas and Connor. Katelin is currently working as the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Candela Spa in Boston. That's it for now, 99ers! What an exciting year! Please keep your news coming to me at kgarland4@cs.com

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Kibbyjane Bryenton writes that she and husband Donni just bought a house in VA Beach. They also have a new addition to their family, a little puppy named Yeti, who is a West Highland Terrier. **Leslie Hardy** ('99) and **Megan Butt** ('99) just visited the couple this past summer. **Sarah Lester** joined the Peace Corps in 2/02 and has been living in Manila, Philippines ever since. She is

presently learning Tagalog and working in a Catholic church helping to create a youth center for children of struggling and impoverished families. Sarah writes that it is a tough job but she loves it. Also overseas, **Holly Wilmeth** writes that she is finishing up her JETS contract in Japan and will then be traveling with a friend across Asia for three months. They will be hiking in Tibet and tenting in Mongolia, stopping in Russia, Turkey, and Greece. In 2/03, Holly will come back to the States to attend a semester at the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies. **Carol Skirloff** writes that NY is still fun and exciting. She sees **Mary Friberg** ('98) constantly and **Chris Turner & Christina Rangel** ('01). Carol also saw **Katie Wright & Susana Bobadilla** ('01) in VA beach, **Renée Dupree** in Alabama and also went with her little brother Daniel sea kayaking in Alaska. Carol is still working for Salomon Smith Barney and got another promotion to Asst. Vice President. **Chris Turner** is also in NYC but is contemplating a move to DC. **Mo Robertson** is still working at Inova Fairfax Hospital in the Medical Staff Services office. Mo works with the section chiefs and committee chairs to support the departmental, section and committee meetings for the hospital. She is again volunteering for the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department and just moved into a new terrace apartment on 7/6/02. Mo has been dealing with a sudden illness in the family and is awaiting test results that may lead to a more positive diagnosis. Mo is looking forward to the union of **Amy Scott** and **Brian Huse**. Also looking forward to the wedding is **Evangeline Easterly**. **Evangeline** is in graduate school studying Cancer Biology at Vanderbilt, and doing breast cancer research. In her free time she swing dances and has joined the fencing team. **Evangeline** has also graciously created a yearbook supplement for our class of all the missing "dot dots" that were not in our yearbooks. **Evangeline** does not yet have a distribution date but will keep us posted. **Elizabeth Hamshaw** is still living in Washington DC, working for the Council of Independent Colleges, and building Websites part-time. She sees

Chhavi and Shweta Sharma a lot, and **Lina Haleilul**, who are all living in the area and doing well. In 3/02, **Elizabeth** went on a backpacking trip to Europe with **Mandy Rice** and **Katie Cesarz**, traveling through France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Italy, all with only a couple changes of clothes! **Elizabeth** also visited **Kristy Chatham** recently down in FL and she's doing really well and about to begin her PA program at U of FL. In May, **Christine Bump** finished her first year of law school at Emory. **Christine** made the Dean's List and was named to law review. She is one of 25 in her class on the staff of Emory's International Law Review. This summer, **Christine** is serving as a clerk in the Centers for Disease Control's Office of General Counsel where she sees many SBC alums such as **Liz (Homoki) Titus** ('94) and **Susan (Holman) Beck** ('98).

Christine is also singing as a soprano soloist for her church and is the chairwoman for Emory's Legal Association for Women's Pub Night charity auction. **Christine** keeps in regular contact with **Lucy Brooks**, **Emily Taylor Boatright**, and **Ginny Gilbert**. **Emily** and **Lucy** are both thriving as teachers and loving their jobs, and **Ginny** is a successful consultant with Ernst & Young. **Amy Hess Snawder** is in Ft. Polk, LA, but will be moving back to Winchester, VA with her parents in 10/02, as hubby **Jared** has a 1year unaccompanied tour to Korea starting in 12/02. **Noelle W. Lotano Speedy** writes that on May 25th she was married to **Kent** and went to Hawaii for their honeymoon and is now back to the harsh reality of work again. **Noelle** and **Kent** are still running a distribution company that they started in 2000 working and living in Toms River, NJ. **Anne-Ryan Sinnott** is working in DC at a Back-Up Child Care Center that is privately owned by the law firm of Akin Gump. **Anne-Ryan** is beginning her fourth semester of grad school at Marymount U where she is studying to become a special education teacher. **Melissa Fauber Carter** wrote me from her honeymoon in CA that she got married on June 29th to **Jack Carter** (H-SC '00). **Carla Fitzgerald** ('01) and **Tracy Kitchen Harris** ('99) were two of her bridesmaids. **Ashley Hill** also wrote me

while on vacation in Kelowna, BC Canada. **Ashley** was living in Lake Tahoe, CA this past year working at Squaw Valley USA (ski mountain). After spending two summer months in Boston, **Ashley** will return to CA for one more season at Squaw. **Ashley** will also be starting graduate school at UVA in 6/03 for a 3-1/2 year program for her MLA (Master of Landscape Architecture). On a trip to Boston in June I was able to catch up with **Alissa Harris**, **Vicki Zak**, and **Amanda Atkinson**. **Amanda** finished her masters degree in 6/02 and began a new job in 7/02 as the assistant director of residence life at Simmons College. **Noah Smith** and **Amanda** are engaged and planning a summer 2003 wedding. **Vicki** is still at Fidelity, and living in Providence on the East Side behind Brown University. **Vicki** plans on going to grad school part-time next fall for her MBA, and she's currently enjoying the beautiful RI summer and reports she got a new car and is planning more road trips.

Alissa Harris is working on an award winning independent documentary film as associate producer. Currently she is also writing a script for her own directorial project. **Alissa** keeps in touch with **Marlena Koper** who is at the University of Miami in Ohio in her second year of the Master's program in Zoology. In Spring 2002, **Marlena** traveled to Europe. **Alissa** also keeps in touch with **Jessi Livingston** who in spring '02 moved to Scottsdale, AZ and is doing auditory training. **Alissa** recently heard from **Casey Herman** who is living in Raleigh, NC. **Kim Harden** writes that she graduated from the U of Md in 5/02 with a Master's in School Counseling and accepted a job as a school counselor at a K-8 French Immersion school in the Washington, DC area. **Kim** traveled with **Kristen Lawlor** to Great Britain for 3 weeks in 6/02 on vacation and saw **Katie Cesarz**. **Katie** writes that she is still at St. Andrews in Scotland pursuing a M. Phil in Art History and will graduate in summer 2003. I've heard from a couple sources that **Lawlor** is engaged and planning a summer 2003 wedding. In 3/02, **Wendy Bramlett** started a new job working as a pharmaceutical sales rep for AstraZeneca in the respiratory

therapeutic area for the Silver Spring/College Park, MD area. **Amanda Ankerman** is also in Southern MD working in the same job doing contracts for the Navy. **Marilen Sarian** has recently revamped her website which is at www.e-mys.com. **Marilen** has been busy starring in "Kiss of the Spider Woman", playing the lead in an independent film, co-hosting on Eclipse Magazine TV, and will appear 8/3/02 as a dancer in the All Star Soccer Game Halftime Show. **Elizabeth Davis** is doing freelance writing for a newspaper in Raleigh and has been to Nags Head several times over the summer with her beau **Brian**. On such a trip, **Elizabeth** visited with **Melissa Brown** and **Cady Thomas** ('98). **Elizabeth** is also happy to announce she is the new president of the Triangle SBC Alum club for Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. **Monica Signoretti** emailed me to say that after her year at SBC as an Italian teaching assistant she received her MA in classics from the U of London and is now about to start her second year at Johns Hopkins U. where she is obtaining a Ph.D in the Classics. As for me, after 1 1/2 years as an Investigator. I am looking forward to starting a new job in 8/02 with the Dept. of Interior. In May, I went to SBC graduation and got to see many of the renovations and additions. I visit often with **Elizabeth Rice Kinnamon** who, with hubby **Justin**, just purchased a new home and welcomed another daughter **Kolby** in 2/02. I also recently visited with **Katie Wright**, **Jackie Hauslein**, **Emily Pegues**, **Emily McGregor**, and **Suzanne Bollinger** at an SBC event and all are doing well in Northern VA.

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SPECIAL REUNIONS

1933: 70th

1938: 65th

1943: 60th

1948: 55th

1953: 50th

1958: 45th

1963: 40th

1968: 35th

1973: 30th

1978: 25th

1983: 20th

1988: 15th

1993: 10th

1998: 5th

REUNION May 16-18, 2003

FRIDAY, MAY 16

1:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration in Bobcock
(After 9 p.m. register at Florence Elston Inn Information Center)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Open Houses on campus: Admissions, Library,
Book Shop, Career Services, Museum

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Class Picnic in the Quad for all classes except
25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th & 70th

Play Day in the Quad

Boot House Picnic for Class of 1978's 25th Reunion: **CLASS PHOTOS**

Cocktails & Dinner for classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948
honoring the Class of 1953's 50th Reunion: **CLASS PHOTOS**

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

A Musical Evening of Compositions
by Nerisso vom Bour Roehrs '63, Memorial Chapel

9:00 - Midnight

Le Bistro open

SATURDAY, MAY 17

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Pastries, Prothro Commons Dining Hall

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Prothro Commons Dining Hall

8:20 - 9:45 a.m.

CLASS PHOTOS: 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1988,
1993, 1998, Memorial Chapel

10:00 - Noon

Reunion Convocation, Bobcock
"The State of the College Update": President Muhlenfeld

Class Presentations

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon, Student Commons Courtyard

12:30 p.m.

5th Annual Reunion Golf Tournament, Winton Country Club

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Class of 1953 Gate Relocation Ceremony,
Student Commons Courtyard.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Reunion Tennis Tournament, campus courts

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Alumnae Colleges:

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions led by Sweet Briar faculty

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Open House at Red Tap, hosted by Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko,
vice president, Development and College Relations

6:00 p.m.

Class Meetings in Class Hospitality Rooms

6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Children's Dinner and Evening Programs

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Cocktail Buffet with faculty, staff and retirees,
Prothro Commons and Student Commons Courtyard

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES include:

*Swimming, Tennis, Golf, Fishing, Riding, Hiking, Exhibits,
Tours of Campus, Open Houses, Museum/Academic Buildings,
Free Time*

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Coffee and Pastries, Prothro Commons Dining Hall

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Prothro Commons Dining Hall

9:15

Alumnae Choir Rehearsal, Memorial Chapel

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Chapel Service of Remembrance

11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon in the Sweet Briar House Gardens

Keystone Society Inducts 17 Charter Members

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Keystone Society Induction, October 26, 2002

L-r: Nancy Hall Green '64; Catherine Barnett Brown '49; Walter Brown H'49; Virginia Upchurch Callier '72 (for Ann Samford Upchurch '48); Mark H. Prothro (for the Perkins-Prothro Foundation); Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39; Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84 (for the Perkins-Prothro Foundation); Carol McMurtry Fowler '57; Gordon G. Beemer H'21; Anne Wilson Rowe '57; Josiah P. Rowe III; Norma Patteson Mills '60

Sweet Briar College inducted 17 charter members into the Keystone Society, the College's newest donor society, on October 26, 2002 in the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center. All of the inductees have made lifetime commitments to Sweet Briar totaling \$1 million or more.

Keystones are highly visible on many buildings throughout the Sweet Briar campus. As the wedge-shaped piece at the crown of an arch, the keystone is the binding element on which all the other components of the structure depend. This combination of form and function was the inspiration for the Keystone Society, whose members are the sustaining force on which all of the philanthropic endeavors of the College rely.

"The Keystone Society bears this name because its members, by their example past and present, encourage others to generously invest in Sweet Briar College. Today, we wish to acknowledge and thank these inductees for their unprecedented support and unfailing loyalty to the College. The members of the Keystone Society are the very center of Sweet Briar's strong philanthropic tradition; your investments enliven our learning community and heighten the College's distinguished national reputation," said President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld.

The Inductees' gifts to Sweet Briar have been transformational, both in their immediacy and purpose. New and renovated facilities, endowed scholarships, support of special academic initiatives and endowment investments are a few examples of how the generous support of these visionary leaders has had an enormous impact on the academic life at Sweet Briar College.

Each inductee was presented a plaque in the shape of a keystone as a token of the College's appreciation for a lifetime of commitment to Sweet Briar. Future inductees will be honored at the Founders' Day Convocation.

Ann Ritchey Baruch '62

Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21*
Gordon G. Beemer H'21

J. Bruce Bredin*
Octavia M. duPont Bredin

Catherine Barnett Brown '49
Walter H. Brown H'49

The Charles A. Dana Foundation
The Jessie Ball duPont Foundation
Frances Johnson Finley '37*

Carol McMurtry Fowler '57

The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation
Nancy Hall Green '64

Norma Patteson Mills '60

Frances Gregg Petersmeyer '43
C. Wrede Petersmeyer*

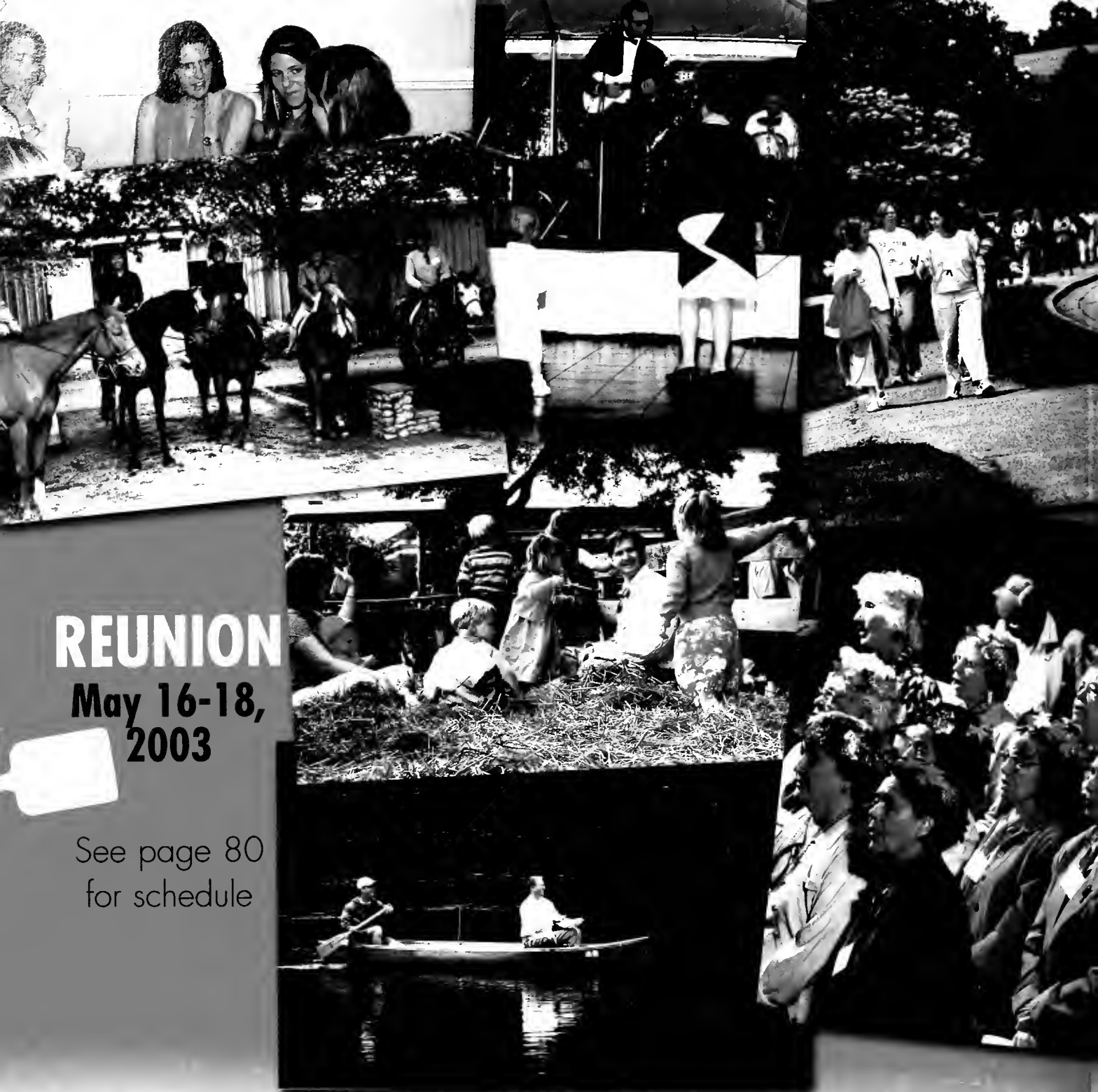
The Perkins-Prothro Foundation
Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39
Charles N. Prothro*

Sally Reahard '30

Anne Wilson Rowe '57
Josiah P. Rowe III

Ann Samford Upchurch '48*

*Deceased



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Mrs. Liz Linton
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